

Memorandum

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FROM: ACUS Interns
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RE: Regulatory and Administrative Reform Legislation

INTRODUCTION

This memorandum provides a summary and current status for bills introduced in the 112th and 113th sessions of Congress (occurring between 2011 and 2014) that addresses regulatory reform. Beginning with the 114th session of Congress, the memorandum provides a summary and current status for legislation addressing regulatory and broader administrative reform. Note that this list may not be comprehensive.

Entries are in reverse chronological order based on the date the bill was introduced into Congress. However, House and Senate versions of the same bill are listed together based on the most recent introduction date. Links to relevant committee reports are provided where available. Beginning with the 114th session of Congress, a link to a Statement of Administration Policy is also included when applicable.

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ADMINISTRATIVE REFORM LEGISLATION

115th Congress (2017-2018)			
BILL	SPONSOR	STATUS	SUMMARY
H.R. 674 – One In, One Out Act Link	Rep. McCaul, Michael (R-TX-10)	Introduced Jan. 24, 2017 Most Recent Action Referred to House Judiciary on Jan. 24, 2017.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires each agency to repeal or revise 1 or more existing regulations before issuing a new regulation.
H.R. 522 – Stop Settlement Slush Funds Act of 2017 Link	Rep. Goodlatte (R-VA-6)	Introduced Jan. 13, 2017 Most Recent Action Referred to the Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial And Antitrust law on Feb. 8, 2017.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Prohibits “[a]n official or agent of the Government” from entering into or enforcing settlement agreements on behalf of the United States that direct payment to a person or entity other than the United States (except as remedies for actual harm (including environmental harm) by the party making the payment, or payment for services rendered in connection with the case); (2) Requires that the heads of each federal agency submit reports to the CBO on each settlement entered into that remedies actual harm (including to the environment) to a person or entity other than the United States that was caused by the party making the payment, or constitutes payment for services rendered in connection with the case; and (3) Requires the Inspector General of each federal agency to submit a report to the Judiciary, Budget, and Appropriations House and Senate Committees on settlement agreements entered into in violation of the Act.
H.R. 469 – Sunshine for Regulations and Regulatory Decrees and Settlements Act of 2017 Link	Rep. Collins, Doug (R-GA-9)	Introduced Jan. 12, 2017 Most Recent Action Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary on Jan. 12, 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Imposes limitations on consent decrees and settlement agreements by agencies that require the agencies to take regulatory action in accordance with the terms thereof, and for other purposes.
S. 119 – Sunshine for Regulatory Decrees and Settlements Act of 2017 Link	Sen. Grassley, Chuck (R-IA)	Introduced Jan. 12, 2017 Most Recent Action Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary on Jan. 12, 2017.	
H.R. 462 – REG Act of 2017	Rep. Lewis (R-MN-2)	Introduced Jan. 12, 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amends title 5 to include guidance documents in the congressional review process of agency rulemaking.

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Link		Most Recent Action Referred to the Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial And Antitrust law on Feb. 6, 2017.	
S. 69 – Regulatory Responsibility for our Economy Act of 2017 Link	Sen. Roberts, Pat (R-KS)	Introduced Jan. 9, 2017 Most Recent Action Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs on Jan. 9, 2017.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Codifies and alters regulatory requirements of federal agencies. Particularly provides for flexibility, public participation, and retrospective review.
S. 56 – RED Tape Act of 2017 Link	Sen. Sullivan, Dan (R-AK)	Introduced Jan. 5, 2017 Most Recent Action Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs on Jan. 5, 2017.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires each agency to repeal or amend 2 or more rules before issuing or amending a rule.
H.R. 347 – DHS Acquisition Documentation Integrity Act of 2017 Link	Rep. Watson Coleman, Bonnie (D-NJ-12)	Introduced Jan. 5, 2017 Most Recent Action Referred to the House Committee on Homeland Security on Jan. 5, 2017.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amends the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to provide for requirements relating to documentation for major acquisition programs and other purposes.
H.R. 298 – Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac Transparency Act of 2017 Link	Rep. Chaffetz, Jason (R-UT-3)	Introduced Jan. 5, 2017 Most Recent Action Referred to the House Committee on Financial Services on Jan. 5, 2017.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Classifies with exception the Federal National Mortgage Association and Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation as agencies for the purposes of section 552 of title 5.
S. 21 – Regulations from the Executive In Need of Scrutiny Act of 2017 Link	Sen. Paul, Rand (R-KY)	Introduced Jan. 4, 2017 Most Recent Action Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs on Jan. 4, 2017.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amends title 5 to provide that major rules of the executive branch shall have no force or effect unless a joint resolution of approval is enacted into law.
H.R. 77 – Providing Accountability	Rep. Luetkemeyer,	Introduced Jan. 3, 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires that each agency, in providing notice of a rule making, include a link to a 100 word plain language summary of the proposed rule.

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Through Transparency Act of 2017 Link	Blaine (R-MO-3)	Most Recent Action Referred to the Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial And Antitrust Law on Jan. 5, 2017.	
H.R. 76 – Separation of Powers Restoration Act of 2017 Link	Rep. Ratcliffe, John (R-TX-4)	Introduced Jan. 3, 2017 Most Recent Action Referred to the Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial And Antitrust Law on Jan. 5, 2017.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amends Section 706 of Title 5 by requiring judges to “decide de novo all relevant questions of law, including the interpretation of constitutional and statutory provisions, and rules made by agencies.”
H.R. 75 – ALERT Act of 2017 Link	Rep. Ratcliffe, John (R-TX-4)	Introduced Jan. 3, 2017 Most Recent Action Referred to the Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial And Antitrust Law on Jan. 5, 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amends title 5 to provide for the publication, by the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, of information relating to rulemakings and for other purposes.
H.R. 74 – REVIEW Act of 2017 Link	Rep. Marino, Tom (R-PA-10)	Introduced Jan. 3, 2017 Most Recent Action Referred to the Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial And Antitrust Law on Jan. 5, 2017.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amends title 5 to postpone the effective date of high-impact rules pending judicial review.
H.R. 72 – GAO Access and Oversight Act of 2017 Link	Rep. Carter, Earl L “Buddy” (R-GA-1)	Introduced Jan. 3, 2017 Most Recent Action Presented to President on Jan. 23, 2017.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Authorizes the GAO to obtain federal agency records required to discharge the GAO’s duties (including audit, evaluation, and investigative duties), including through bringing civil actions to require an agency to produce a record.
H.R. 71 – Taxpayers Right-To-Know Act Link	Rep. Walberg, Tim (R-MI-7)	Introduced Jan. 3, 2017 Most Recent Action Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs on Jan 5, 2017.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires the OMB to include a program inventory that identifies each program of the federal government for which there is more than \$1 million in annual budget authority.

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H.R. 70 – Federal Advisory Committee Act Amendments of 2017 Link	Rep. Clay, Wm. Lacy (D-MO-1)	Introduced Jan. 3, 2017 Most Recent Action Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs on Jan. 5, 2017.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amends the Federal Advisory Committee Act to modify and expand requirements for federal advisory committees, specifically requiring that appointments be made without regard to political affiliation or political activity unless otherwise required by federal law. Requires agencies to make federal advisory committee materials publically available.
H.R. 41 – POWERS Act of 2017 Link	Rep. Mullin, Markwayne (R-OK-2)	Introduced Jan. 3, 2017 Most Recent Action Referred to the Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial And Antitrust Law on Jan. 12, 2017.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amends title 5 to require agencies to respond to comments from congressional committees about proposed rulemaking.
H.R. 33 – Small Business Regulatory Flexibility Improvements Act of 2017 Link	Rep. Chabot, Steeve (R-OH-1)	Introduced Jan. 3, 2017 Most Recent Action Referred to the Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial And Antitrust Law on Jan. 12, 2017.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Modifies rulemaking requirements and procedures of federal agencies under the Regulatory Flexibility Act of 1980 to ensure complete analysis of potential impacts on small entities of rules.
H.R. 31 – Federal Sunset Act of 2017 Link	Rep. Hudson, Richard (R-NC-8)	Introduced Jan. 3, 2017 Most Recent Action Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform on Jan. 3, 2017.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides for the periodic review of the efficiency and public need for Federal agencies and establishes a commission for the purpose of reviewing the efficiency and public need of such agencies. Further provides for the means of abolishing an agency.
H.R. 26 – Regulations from the Executive in Need of Scrutiny Act of 2017 Link	Rep. Collins, Doug (R-GA-9)	Introduced Jan. 3, 2017 Most Recent Action Received in the Senate and read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs on Jan. 6, 2017.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires that the major rules of the executive branch be approved by a joint resolution enacted into law.
H.R. 21 – Midnight Rules Relief Act of	Rep. Issa, Darrell E. (R-CA-49)	Introduced Jan. 3, 2017 Most Recent Action	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides for the en bloc consideration in resolutions of disapproval for “midnight rules.”

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2017 Link		Received in the Senate and read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs on Jan. 5, 2017.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reforms the process by which Federal agencies analyze and formulate new regulations and guidance documents based on the anticipated costs of a proposed rule. Additionally, agencies would be required to submit a written statement identifying the nature and significance of the problem the agency may address with a rule, the legal authority under which a rule may be proposed, the preliminary information available to the agency, and the metrics by which the agency will measure the rule's effectiveness. <p>Note: H.R. 45 appears to be identical to H.R. 5 with the exception of stylistic and organizational modifications.</p>
S. 34 – Midnight Rules Relief Act of 2017 Link	Sen. Johnson, Ron (R-WI)	<p>Introduced Jan. 5, 2017</p> <p>Most Recent Action Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs on Jan. 5, 2017.</p>	
H.R. 5 – Regulatory Accountability Act of 2017 Link	Rep. Goodlatte, Bob (R-VA-6)	<p>Introduced Jan. 3, 2017</p> <p>Most Recent Action Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs on Jan. 12, 2017.</p>	
H.R. 45 – Regulatory Accountability Act of 2017 Link	Rep. Goodlatte, Bob (R-VA-6)	<p>Introduced Jan. 3, 2017</p> <p>Most Recent Action Referred to the Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial And Antitrust Law on Jan. 5, 2017.</p>	

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S.3483 - Midnight Rules Relief Act of 2016 Link	Sen. Johnson, Ron (R-WI)	<p>Introduced Nov. 29, 2016</p> <p>Most Recent Action Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs on Nov. 29, 2016</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amends chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, to provide for en bloc consideration in resolutions of disapproval for so-called Midnight Rules.

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<p>S. 3484 - A Bill to Establish an Advisory Committee to Issue Nonbinding Government-Wide Guidelines on Making Public Information Available on the Internet; To Require Publicly Available Government Information Held by the Executive Branch to Be Made Available Link</p>	<p>Sen. Tester, Jon (D-MT)</p>	<p>Introduced Nov. 29, 2016</p> <p>Most Recent Action Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs on Nov. 29, 2016</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establishes an advisory committee to issue nonbinding government-wide guidelines on making public information available on the Internet, to require publicly-available Government-information held by the Executive Branch to be made available on the Internet, and to express the sense of Congress that publicly-available information held by the Legislative and Judicial branches should be available on the Internet.
<p>H.R.6381 - DHS Reform and Improvement Act Link</p>	<p>Rep. McCaul, Michael T. (R-TX-10)</p>	<p>Introduced Nov. 18, 2016</p> <p>Most Recent Action Referred to the Subcommittee on Biotechnology, Horticulture, and Research on Dec. 16, 2016.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Instructs that the Commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protection and the Director of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement to update existing directives, rules, and regulations relating to the illegal import of “cultural property” and states a congressional desire to decrease the illegal smuggling of “cultural property.”
<p>H.R. 6283 - Truth in Regulations Act of 2016 Link</p>	<p>Rep. Sessions, Pete (R-TX-32)</p>	<p>Introduced Sept. 28, 2016</p> <p>Most Recent Action Referred to the Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial and Antitrust Law on Oct. 21, 2016</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establishes agency procedures for the issuance of significant guidance documents To create a general rule – exceptions do apply – that, not later than 210 days after the date of the enactment of this bill, the head of each agency must develop written procedures for the approval of significant guidance documents.
<p>S.3439 - Paperwork Reduction for Farmers Act Link</p>	<p>Sen. Paul, Rand (R-KY)</p>	<p>Introduced Sept. 28, 2016</p> <p>Most Recent Action</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Addresses adjudication procedures under section n218(h) of the Immigration and Nationality Act – requiring U.S. Customs and Immigration Services to provide requests for evidence in an online format if the employer so requested

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		Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary on Sept. 28, 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allows employers to submit information in an online format and requires U.S. Customs and Immigration Services to respond to this submission in an online format. Requires U.S. Customs and Immigration Services to tell the employer what it must do to rectify the deficiency, if the evidence submitted by the employer was not sufficient.
H.R.6222 - Regulatory Fingerprints Act of 2016 Link	Rep. Young, David (R-IA-3)	Introduced Sept. 28, 2016 Most Recent Action Referred to the Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial and Antitrust Law on Oct. 18, 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amends title 5, United States Code, by requiring the publication of information about the individuals who participate in the rulemaking process and the basis on which rules are made.
H.R.6278 - Promote Accountability and Government Efficiency Act Link	Rep. Rokita, Todd (R-IN-4)	Introduced Sept. 28, 2016 Most Recent Action Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform on Sept. 28, 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides certain reforms to promote accountability and efficiency in the civil service. States that a government employee facing an adverse employment action cannot appeal to more than one agency.
H.R.6177 - Accountability in Rulemaking Act Link	Rep. DeFazio, Peter A. (D-OR-4)	Introduced Sept. 27, 2016 Most Recent Action Referred to the Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial and Antitrust Law on Oct. 11, 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires the Administrator of the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (“OIRA”) and the head of each Federal agency to increase transparency in the regulatory review process. Requires agencies to submit a unified regulatory agenda to OIRA. This agenda must include an entry for each regulation, including a regulation ID number, a brief summary of the regulation, a legal authority for the regulation, whether the regulation is a significant regulatory action, the stage for issuing the regulation, and whether the regulation has been submitted to OIRA for review.
H.R.6177 Accountability in Rulemaking Act Link	Rep. DeFazio, Peter A. (D-OR-4)	Introduced Sept. 27, 2016 Most Recent Action Referred to the Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial and Antitrust Law on Oct. 11, 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires the Administrator of the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (“OIRA”) and the head of each Federal agency to increase transparency in the regulatory review process.

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<p>H.R. 6094 – Regulatory Relief for Small Businesses, Schools, and Nonprofits Act Link</p>	<p>Rep. Walberg, Tim (R-MI-7)</p>	<p>Introduced Sept. 21, 2016</p> <p>Most Recent Action Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 662 on Nov. 15, 2016</p> <p>Executive Office of the President, Office of Management and Budget, Statement of Administrative Policy Link</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Postpones from December 1, 2016, until June 1, 2017, the effective date of a final rule of the Department of Labor (81 Fed. Reg. 32552 (May 23, 2016)) revising income thresholds for determining overtime pay for executive, administrative, professional, outside sales, and computer ("white collar") employees exempt from regular minimum wage and overtime pay requirements.
<p>S.3337 - Modernizing Government Travel Act Link</p>	<p>Sen. Lee, Mike (R-UT)</p>	<p>Introduced Sept. 15, 2016</p> <p>Most Recent Action Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs on Sept. 15, 2016</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requires the General Services Administration (“GSA”) to prescribe regulations to provide for the reimbursement of federal employees traveling on official business for the use of a transportation network company or an innovative mobility technology company. Requires the Administrative Office of the United States Courts to prescribe regulations related to the reimbursement of judicial branch employees.
<p>H.R. 5982 - Midnight Rules Relief Act of 2016 Link</p>	<p>Rep. Issa, Darrell E. (R- CA-49)</p>	<p>Introduced Sept. 9, 2016</p> <p>Most Recent Action Received in the Senate and read twice; referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs on Nov. 28, 2016.</p> <p>Executive Office of the President, Office of Management and Budget, Statement of Administrative Policy Link</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides for en bloc consideration in resolutions of disapproval so-called Midnight Rules.

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H.R.3190 - PREPARE Act of 2015 Link	Rep. Cartwright, Matt (D-PA-17)	Introduced July 23, 2015 Most Recent Action Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management on July 24, 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proposes a new council, the Interagency Council on Extreme Weather Resilience, Preparedness, and Risk Management. The responsibilities of this Council are set to include providing recommendations to the Council on Environmental Quality and OMB about risk management in agency regulations, as well as issuing guidance to agencies about extreme weather plans and agency regulations.
H.R. 5920 - Whistleblower Protections for Contractors Act Link	Rep. Cummings, Elijah E. (D-MD-7)	Introduced July 21, 2016 Most Recent Action Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 657 on Nov. 29, 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Extends federal contractor whistleblower protections to employees of: (1) personal services contractors working on defense contracts (currently, the protections apply to employees of defense contractors, subcontractors, grantees, or subgrantees); and (2) personal service contractors or subgrantees working on federal civilian contracts (currently, the protections apply to employees of civilian contractors, subcontractors, or grantees). Makes the civilian contractor protections, which are currently in effect as a pilot program, permanent.
H.R.5812 - Civil Rights Uniformity Act of 2016 Link	Rep. Olson, Pete (R-TX-22)	Introduced July 14, 2016 Most Recent Action Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice on Aug. 11, 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Indicates that the terms “gender” and “sex” should not be interpreted to encompass gender identity.
S.3241 - Refugee Protection Act of 2016 Link	Sen. Leahy, Patrick J. (D-VT)	Introduced July 14, 2016 Most Recent Action Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (Sponsor introductory remarks on measure: CR S5167-5168 on July 14, 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amends the Immigration and Nationality Act to reaffirm the United States’ historic commitment to protecting refugees who are fleeing persecution or torture. Addresses agency adjudication and ensures a timely adjudication of Refugee and Asylum Family Reunification Petitions by requiring that particular immigration applications be heard within ninety days.
H.R.5908 – FEAA Link	Rep. Yoho, Ted S. (R-FL-3)	Introduced July 14, 2016 Most Recent Action	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allows federal agencies, under Office of Personnel Management regulations, to remove certain employees from civil service or to reduce their grade or pay. Indicates that an employee may appeal within seven days to the Merit Systems Protection Board (“MSPB”), which must refer the case to an

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		Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform on July 14, 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> administrative judge to expedite a final decision within forty-five days after the MSPB receives the appeal. Improves the timeliness of administrative hearings and decisions using a forty-five day rule.
H.R.5839 - Public Online Information Act of 2016 Link	Rep. Israel, Steve (D-NY-3)	<p>Introduced July 14, 2016</p> <p>Most Recent Action Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform on July 14, 2016</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establishes a Public Online Information Advisory Committee to: (1) coordinate efforts to make information from every branch of government available online and (2) issue nonbinding guidelines on how the government should publish public information. Delineates the roles of the Office of Management and Budget, the Office of Electronic Government, and the chief information officers of the various independent regulatory agencies. It includes exceptions to the internet-publication requirement in light of: (1) a clear and convincing reason for the record not to be published online and (2) evidence that the harm caused by disclosure significantly outweighs a public interest in having the record available online.
S.3170 - A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the removal or demotion of employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs based on performance or misconduct, and for other purposes Link	Sen. Rubio, Marco (R-FL)	<p>Introduced July 12, 2016</p> <p>Most Recent Action Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs on July 12, 2016.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">

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<p>S.3160 - A bill to require all Department of State employees to use Department-managed email accounts and telephonic systems for all work-related electronic communications, to require the Secretary of State to submit an annual report to Congress on any security violations within the Department, to provide training to Department of State employees on the rules and procedures governing the appropriate handling of classified information, to reform the process for identifying and archiving classified information, and for other purposes.</p> <p>Link</p>	<p>Sen. Perdue, David (R-GA)</p>	<p>Introduced July 12, 2016</p> <p>Most Recent Action Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations on July 12, 2016.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires all Department of State employees to use Department-managed email accounts and telephonic systems for all work-related electronic communications, to require the Secretary of State to submit an annual report to Congress on any security violations within the Department, to provide training to Department of State employees on the rules and procedures governing the appropriate handling of classified information, to reform the process for identifying and archiving classified information, and for other purposes.

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<p>S.3154 - A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, in awarding a contract for the procurement of goods or services, to give a preference to offerors that employ veterans</p> <p>Link</p>	<p>Sen. Baldwin, Tammy (D-WI)</p>	<p>Introduced July 11, 2016</p> <p>Most Recent Action Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs on July 11, 2016.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To allow the Secretary of Veteran's Affairs to give a preference to employers who have hired a high percentage of U.S. military veterans in full-time positions and to establish a disincentive—in particular, disbarment—for employers that may misrepresent the number of veterans on payroll as full-time employees.
<p>H.R.5726 - To direct the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to post at certain locations the average national wait times for veterans to receive an appointment for health care at medical facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.</p> <p>Link</p>	<p>Rep. O'Rourke, Beto (D-TX16)</p>	<p>Introduced July 11, 2016</p> <p>Most Recent Action Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel on Aug. 11, 2016.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To determine the national average in wait times for a U.S. military veteran enrolled in a health plan associated with the Department of Veterans Affairs under chapter 11, title 38 of the U.S. Code regarding mental health and primary care and to post those figures outside DoD career counselors and career assistance advisors. Also, to determine and post the average appeal processing time for disability compensation appeals in the same manner.
<p>H.R.5714- Postal Service Reform Act of 2016</p> <p>Link</p>	<p>Rep. Chaffetz, Jason (R-UT3)</p>	<p>Introduced July 11, 2016</p> <p>Most Recent Action</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To restore the financial solvency and improve the governance of the United States Postal Service in order to ensure the efficient and affordable nationwide delivery of mail, and for other purposes.

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		Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 671 on Dec. 8, 2016.	
H.R.5709 - To improve Federal employee compliance with Federal and Presidential recordkeeping requirements, and for other purposes Link	Rep. Meadows, Mark (R-NC11)	Introduced July 11, 2016 Most Recent Action Reported by the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform in House Report 114-759 on September 19, 2016. Committee Reports Oversight and Government Reform	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To improve federal employee compliance with federal and presidential recordkeeping requirements. To modernize the federal register – including a language update by replacing several references to printing with references to publishing – and by noting that National Archives volunteers are not considered employees, except for 5 U.S.C. § 2671, 28 U.S.C. § 2680, and 31 U.S.C. § 3721.
S.3153 - A bill to require the Federal financial institutions regulatory agencies to take risk profiles and business models of institutions into account when taking regulatory actions, and for other purposes Link	Sen. Rounds, Mike (R-SD)	Introduced July 11, 2016 Most Recent Action Read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs on July 11, 2016.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To require federal financial institutions regulatory agencies—that is, the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, the National Credit Union Administration, and the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection—to take risk profiles and business models of institutions into account when taking regulatory actions.

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<p>H.R.5697 - To prohibit any officer or employee of the Federal Government who has exercised extreme carelessness in the handling of classified information from being granted or retaining a security clearance</p> <p>Link</p>	<p>Rep. McCaul, Michael (R-TX10)</p>	<p>Introduced July 8, 2016</p> <p>Most Recent Action Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations on July 20, 2016</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To prohibit any officer or employee of the Federal Government who has exercised extreme carelessness in the handling of classified information from being granted or retaining a security clearance.
<p>H.R.5690- To ensure the Government Accountability Office has adequate access to information</p> <p>Link</p>	<p>Rep. Carter, Earl (R-GA1)</p>	<p>Introduced July 8, 2016</p> <p>Most Recent Action Read twice. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 640.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The bill serves three purposes. First, it allows the GAO to secure federal agency records required for the discharge of GAO duties – including the use of civil action to obtain the record in question. Second, it states that no section of the Social Security Act should be construed to supersede GAO authority to obtain records about an agency duty, power, activity, organization, or financial transaction; or to obtain another agency record that the GAO requires to discharge its duties. Third, it requires agency actions planned or taken in response to a GAO recommendation must be submitted to the congressional committee with jurisdiction over the relevant agency program and the GAO itself.
<p>H.R.5687- To eliminate or modify certain mandates of the Government Accountability Office</p> <p>Link</p>	<p>Rep. Hice, Jody (R-GA10)</p>	<p>Introduced July 8, 2016</p> <p>Most Recent Action Became Public Law No: 114-301 on Dec. 16, 2016.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This bill eliminates certain required action by the Government Accountability Office (GAO), including reviewing legislation that requires a financial audit of a non-federal agency receiving federal awards; evaluating the extent to which premium levels for Medicare supplemental policies reflects reductions in coinsurance for hospital outpatient services made by Medicare, Medicaid, and SCHIP. The bill also requires, instead of sixty day reports, reports of TARP under the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act on an annual basis. Additionally, the bill would abolish the need for annual reports on Dodd-Frank after 2020, but require GAO reports in 2022 and 2024 on conflict minerals in and around the Democratic Republic of Congo and the rate of gender-based violence in that area.

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H.R.5668- Transparency and Honesty in Energy Regulations Act of 2016 Link	Rep. Jenkins, Evan (R- WV3)	Introduced July 7, 2016 Most Recent Action Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce on July 7, 2016.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To prohibit the Secretary of Energy and the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency from taking the social cost of carbon or the social cost of methane into account when taking any action, and for other purposes.
S.3151- A bill to enhance investment in education and employment programs by eliminating duplication, cutting red tape, and increasing flexibility, and for other purposes Link	Sen. Toomey, Pat (R-PA)	Introduced July 7, 2016 Most Recent Action Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions on July 7, 2016.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To enhance investment in education and employment programs by eliminating duplication, cutting red tape, and increasing feasibility, and for additional purposes.
H.Amdt.1258 to H.R.5485 Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act of 2017 Link	Rep. Messer, Luke (R-IN- 6)	Introduced July 7, 2016 Most Recent Action On agreeing to the Messer amendment (A033); agreed to by recorded vote: 235 – 179 on July 7, 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prohibits the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (“CFPB”) from using funds to commence any administrative adjudication or civil action beyond the three-year statute of limitation established by the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act.
H.Amdt. 1241 – Amending H.R. 5485 Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act of 2017 Link	Rep. Blackburn, Marsha (R- TN-7)	Introduced July 6, 2016 Most Recent Action On Agreeing to the Blackburn Amendment by a Recorded Vote of 232 to 187 on July 6, 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prohibit the use of funds to implement, administer or enforce any of the rules proposed in the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking adopted by the Federal Communications Commission (“FCC”) on Mar. 31, 2016 (FCC 16-39), intended to regulate consumer privacy obligations as necessitated by the FCC's net-neutrality regime.

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<p>S.3128- American Red Cross Transparency Act of 2016 Link</p>	<p>Sen. Grassley, Chuck (R-IA)</p>	<p>Introduced July 6, 2016</p> <p>Most Recent Action Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary on July 6, 2016.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To improve transparency regarding the activities of the American Red Cross.
<p>H.R.5631 - Iran Accountability Act of 2016 Link</p>	<p>Rep. McCarthy, Kevin (R- CA-23)</p>	<p>Introduced July 6, 2016</p> <p>Most Recent Action Referred to the Subcommittee on Trade on July 15, 2016</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires the Department of Treasury to establish and publish an Iran Revolutionary Guard Corps watch list in the Federal Register.
<p>H.R. 5620 – VA Accountability First and Appeals Modernization Act of 2016 Link</p>	<p>Rep. Miller, Jeff (R-FL1)</p>	<p>Introduced July 5, 2016</p> <p>Most Recent Action Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs on September 15, 2016.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amends title 38, United States Code, to provide for the removal or demotion of employees of the Department of Veteran Affairs based on performance or misconduct, and for other purposes
<p>H.R.5625 - Modernizing Government Travel Act Link</p>	<p>Rep. Moulton, Seth (D-MA- 6)</p>	<p>Introduced July 5, 2016</p> <p>Most Recent Action Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs on Sept. 26, 2016</p> <p>Committee Report Oversight and Government Reform</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires the General Services Administration (“GSA”) to prescribe regulations to provide for the reimbursement of federal employees traveling on official business for the use of a transportation network company or innovative mobility technology. Requires the Administrative Office of the United States Courts to prescribe the relevant regulations for Judicial Branch employees.
<p>H.J. Res. 96 – Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to prohibit the President from making recess appointments</p>	<p>Rep. Collins, Chris (R- NY27)</p>	<p>Introduced July 5, 2016</p> <p>Most Recent Action Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary on July 5, 2016.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This joint resolution proposes a constitutional amendment prohibiting the President from filling any vacancy during the recess of the Senate.

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S. 3119 – REG Act Link	Sen. Gardner, Cory (R-CO)	Introduced June 29, 2016 Most Recent Action Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs on June 29, 2016.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To require reductions in the direct cost of Federal regulation that are proportional to the amount of increases in the debt ceiling. If the amount of the debt limit is increased or a suspension of the debt limit takes effect, each agency shall submit to the Senate, the House of Representatives, and the Comptroller General of the United States a report identifying each major rule of the agency, as determined by the head of the agency. After receipt of all reports required under paragraph (1), the Comptroller General of the United States shall submit to the Senate and the House of Representatives a report evaluating whether agencies appropriately identified major rules under paragraph (1), including whether the agencies identified major rules in accordance with Office of Management and Budget Circular A-4, or any successor thereto.
S. 3112 – Department of Veterans Affairs Bonus Transparency Act of 2016 Link	Sen. Heller, Dean (R-NV)	Introduced June 29, 2016 Most Recent Action Passed Senate, held at the desk on Dec. 12, 2016.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To amend title 38 of U.S. Code to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to submit an annual report regarding performance awards and bonuses awarded to certain high-level employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs.
S. 3109 – Inspector General Recommendation Transparency Act of 2016 Link	Sen. Heitkamp, Heidi (D-ND)	Introduced June 29, 2016 Most Recent Action Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs on June 29, 2016.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To require Inspectors General to make open recommendations publicly available. Not later than 1 year after the first semiannual reporting deadline described in subsection (a) that occurs after the date of enactment of this subsection, each Inspector General shall make available on the website of the Office of the Inspector General a list of any open recommendations for the establishment that have been open for more than 1 year.
H.R.5583 - University Regulation Streamlining and Harmonization Act of 2016 Link	Rep. Lipinski, Daniel (D-IL-3)	Introduced June 24, 2016 Most Recent Action Referred to the Subcommittee on Research and Technology on Sept. 30, 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Directs the Office of Management and Budget (“OMB”) to establish a Research Policy Board to review proposed federal regulations, as well as major policies and guidance governing the conduct of scientific and engineering research, at specified research institutions.

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<p>H.R. 5566 Wasteful Defense Spending Reduction Act of 2016 Link</p>	<p>Rep. Kind, Ron (D-WI3)</p>	<p>Introduced June 22, 2016</p> <p>Most Recent Action Referred to House Appropriations on June 22, 2016.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To establish a process for the termination of certain programs of the Department of Defense
<p>H.R. 5553 To amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to require fines collected for violations of the rules of the Municipal Rulemaking Board to be deposited into the Treasury and to amend the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 to remove a requirement on the use of certain funds Link</p>	<p>Rep. Wagner, Ann (R- MO2)</p>	<p>Introduced June 21, 2016</p> <p>Most Recent Action Referred to the House Committee on Financial Services on June 21, 2016.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to require fines collected for violations of the rules of the Municipal Rulemaking Board to be deposited into the Treasury and to amend the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 to remove a requirement on the use of certain funds
<p>H.R. 5513 PROVE IT Act of 2016 Link</p>	<p>Rep. Graves, Garret (R- LA6)</p>	<p>Introduced June 16, 2016</p> <p>Most Recent Action Referred to the Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial and Antitrust Law on June 21, 2016.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To provide for Federal agency accountability and improve the effectiveness of major rules in accomplishing their regulatory objectives by requiring retrospective review and c, and for other purposes.
<p>H.R.5527 - CFPB Rule Accountability Act of 2016 Link</p>	<p>Rep. Williams, Roger (R- TX-25)</p>	<p>Introduced June 16, 2016</p> <p>Most Recent Action</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amends the Consumer Financial Protection Act of 2010 to require congressional review of rulemaking of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (“CFPB”).

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		Referred to House Budget on June 16, 2016	
H.R. 5510 FTC Process and Transparency Reform Act of 2016 Link	Rep. Burgess, Michael C. (R-TX26)	Introduced June 16, 2016 Most Recent Action Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 685 on Dec. 13, 2016.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To amend the Federal Trade Commission Act to establish new requirements relating to investigations, consent orders, and reporting requirements, and for other purposes.
H.R. 5499 Agency Accountability Act of 2016 Link	Rep. Palmer, Gary J. (R-AL6)	Introduced June 16, 2016 Most Recent Action Referred to the Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial and Antitrust Law on June 21, 2016.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To require the appropriation of funds to use a fee, fine, penalty, or proceeds from a settlement received by a Federal agency, and for other purposes.
H.R. 5494 We the People Act of 2016 Link	Rep. Price, David E. (D-NC4)	Introduced June 16, 2016 Most Recent Action Referred to House Ways and Means on June 16, 2016.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To reform our government, reduce the grip of special interests, and return our democracy to the American people through increased transparency and oversight of our elections and government.
S. 6 A We the People Act of 2016 Link	Sen. Udall, Tom (D-MN)	Introduced June 16, 2016 Most Recent Action Read twice and referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration on June 16, 2016.	
S.1550 - Program Management Improvement Accountability Act Link	Sen. Ernst, Joni (R-IA)	Introduced June 10, 2015 Most Recent Action Became Public Law No: 114-264 on Dec. 14, 2016. Committee Report Homeland Security and Government Affairs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Authorizes the Office of Personnel Management and the Office of Management and Budget to issue new guidelines and regulations to improve program management and project management in certain government agencies. Creates the Program Management Policy Council, an interagency forum for improving agency practices in program management and project management.

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H.R. 5429 SEC Regulatory Accountability Act Link	Rep. Garrett, Scott (R-NJ5)	Introduced June 9, 2015 Most Recent Action Reported by the Committee on Financial Services. House Report 114-799.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To improve the consideration by the SEC of the costs and benefits of its regulations and orders Bill proposes standards that SEC has to meet before issuing regulations, such as consider alternatives and ensure that any regulation is accessible.
H.R.5490 - To Amend the Consumer Financial Protection Act of 2010 to Require that No Deference Be Given to the Interpretation of Consumer Financial Law by the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection Link	Rep. Love, Mia B. (R-UT-4)	Introduced June 6, 2016 Most Recent Action Referred to the Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial and Antitrust Law on July 20, 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amends the Consumer Financial Protection Act of 2010 to require that no deference be given to the interpretation of consumer financial law by the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection. Defines the scope of judicial review of Bureau actions.
H.R. 5379 Requirements, Expectations, and Standard Procedures for Executive Consultation with Tribes Act (RESPECT Act) Link	Rep. Grijalva, Raul (D-AZ3)	Introduced June 3, 2016 Most Recent Action Subcommittee Hearings Held on June 14, 2016.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To prescribe procedures for effective consultation and coordination by Federal agencies with federally recognized Indian tribes regarding Federal Government activities that impact tribal lands and interests to ensure that meaningful tribal input is an integral part of the Federal decision-making process.

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<p>H.R. 5377 To Amend title 5, United States Code, to include guidance documents in the congressional guidance documents in the congressional review process of agency rulemaking Link</p>	<p>Rep. Salmon, Matt (R-AZ5)</p>	<p>Introduced May 27, 2016</p> <p>Most Recent Action Referred to the Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial and Antitrust Law on June 10, 2016.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proposes amendments to title 5, U.S. Code, such as guidance documents, significant guidance documents, and the definition of guidance documents
<p>S. 3011 Bolster Accountability to Drive Government Efficiency and Reform Washington Act of 2016 Government Link</p>	<p>Sen. Johnson, Ron (R-WI)</p>	<p>Introduced May 26, 2016</p> <p>Most Recent Action Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 505 on June 6, 2016.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A bill to improve the accountability, efficiency, transparency, and overall effectiveness of the Federal Comprehensive bill with many provisions suggesting changes to bureaucracy
<p>H.R. 5328 FACT Act of 2016 Link</p>	<p>Rep. Boustany, Charles Jr. (R-LA3)</p>	<p>Introduced May 25, 2016</p> <p>Most Recent Action Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary on May 25, 2016.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To amend title 5, United States Code, to require a general notice of proposed rulemaking for a major rule to include a cost-benefit analysis of the proposed rule, and for other purposes.
<p>S. 2976 DHS Accountability Act of 2016 Link</p>	<p>Sen. Johnson, Ron (R-WI)</p>	<p>Introduced May 23, 2016</p> <p>Most Recent Action Placed on the Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 532 on June 28, 2016.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A bill to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to reform, streamline, and make improvements to the Department of Homeland Security and support the Department's efforts to implement better policy, planning, management, and performance, and for other purposes. Provisions include retrospective review of department.
<p>H.R. 5226 Regulatory Integrity Act of 2016</p>	<p>Rep. Walberg, Tim (R-MI7)</p>	<p>Introduced May 13, 2016</p> <p>Most Recent Action</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To amend chapter 3 of title 5, United States Code, to require the publication of information relating to pending agency regulatory actions, and for other purposes.

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Link		Ordered to be Reported by the Yeas and Nays: 22-14 on May 17, 2016. Executive Office of the President, Office of Management and Budget, Statement of Administrative Policy Link	
H.R.5211 - CFPB Dual Mandate and Economic Analysis Act Link	Rep. Emmer, Tom (R-MN-6)	Introduced May 12, 2016 Most Recent Action Referred to the House Committee on Financial Services on May 12, 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (“CFPB”) to, in each rulemaking, identify the particular rule or regulation that the agency seeks to solve, and specify the metrics by which success in solving this problem can be measured.
H.R. 5199 - Construction Consensus Procurement Improvement Act of 2016 Link	Rep. Meadows, Mark (R-NC-11)	Introduced May 11, 2016 Most Recent Action Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 535 Committee Reports Oversight and Government Reform	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alters design-build selection procedures used by federal agencies. Requires the Federal Acquisition Regulatory Council to amend Federal Acquisition Regulations by prohibiting the use of reverse auctions in certain circumstances.
H.J. Res. 92— Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of the United States to Give States the Right to Repeal Federal Laws and Regulation when Ratified by the Legislatures of Two-Thirds of the Several States. Link	Rep. Bishop, Rob (R-UT-1)	Introduced May 10, 2016 Most Recent Action Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice on May 17, 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Because the proposed amendment (article) is brief, it is reproduced in its entirety: “Any provision of law or regulation of the United States may be repealed by the several States, and such repeal shall be effective when the legislatures of two-thirds of the several States approve resolutions for this purpose that particularly describe the same provision or provisions of law or regulation to be repealed.”

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H.R.5098 - FTC REPORTS Act Link	Rep. Bilirakis, Gus M. (R-FL-12)	<p>Introduced Apr. 28, 2016</p> <p>Most Recent Action Referred to the Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade on Apr. 29, 2016</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires the FTC to report annually to Congress, including on rulemaking and guideline projects.
H.R. 5083 VA Appeals Modernization Act of 2016 Link	Rep. Titus, Dina (D-NV1)	<p>Introduced April 27, 2016</p> <p>Most Recent Action Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection on September 14, 2016. In addition, in the Senate, received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs on September 15, 2016.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the appeals process of the Department of Veterans Affairs
S. 2852 OPEN Government Data Act Link	Sen. Schatz, Brian (D-HI)	<p>Introduced April 26, 2016</p> <p>Most Recent Action Held at the desk after passing Senate on Dec. 12, 2016.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To expand the Government's use and administration of data to facilitate transparency, effective governance, and innovation, and for other purposes. This bill requires government data assets made available by federal agencies (excluding the Government Accountability Office, the Federal Election Commission, and certain other government entities) to be published as machine-readable data. When not otherwise prohibited by law, the data must be available: (1) in an open format that does not impede use or reuse and that has standards maintained by a standards organization; and (2) under open licenses with a legal guarantee that the data be available at no cost to the public with no restrictions on copying, publication, distribution, transmittal, citing, or adaptation.
H.R. 5051 OPEN Government Data Act Link	Rep. Kilmer, Derek (D-WA6)	<p>Introduced April 26, 2016</p> <p>Most Recent Action Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform on April 26, 2016.</p>	
S. 2489 - GAO Access and Oversight Act of 2016 Link	Sen. Sasse, Ben (R-NE)	<p>Introduced Apr. 25, 2016</p> <p>Most Recent Action Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders (Calendar No. 638) on Sept. 21, 2016</p> <p>Committee Reports</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Authorizes the General Accountability Office to secure records necessary for the completion of its mission.

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<p>S. 2847 Prove It Act of 2016 Link</p>	<p>Sen. Ernst, Joni (R-IA)</p>	<p>Introduced April 25, 2016</p> <p>Most Recent Action Senator Vitter from Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship filed written report under authority of the order of the Senate on Dec. 12, 2016.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A bill to require greater transparency for Federal regulatory decisions that impact small businesses • This bill authorizes the Chief Counsel of the Small Business Administration (SBA) to request the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to review any federal agency certification that a proposed rule, if promulgated, will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities and so need not submit a regulatory flexibility analysis of the rule.
<p>S. 2834 Getting Results through Enhanced Accountability and Transparency Act of 2016 Link</p>	<p>Sen. Carper, Thomas (D-DE)</p>	<p>Introduced April 21, 2016</p> <p>Most Recent Action Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably on May 25, 2016.</p>	<p>To improve the Government-wide management of unnecessarily duplicative Government programs and for other purposes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “The purpose of this Act is to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of the Federal Government in measuring and managing unnecessary duplication, fragmentation, and overlap in Government programs and in addressing recommendations from the Government Accountability Office.”
<p>H.R. 5033 Getting Results Through Enhanced Accountability and Transparency Act of 2016 Link</p>	<p>Duckworth, Tammy (D-IL8)</p>	<p>Introduced April 21, 2016</p> <p>Most Recent Action Ordered to be reported (amended) by voice vote on July 12, 2016.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This bill requires that the Government Accountability Office's (GAO's) annual report on the findings of its routine investigations to identify programs, agencies, offices, and initiatives with unnecessarily duplicative goals and activities within agencies and government-wide aggregate separately estimates of related costs for instances of actual and potential unnecessary duplication and other potential cost savings and revenue collection.
<p>H.R. 4956 End Executive Overreach Act Link</p>	<p>Rep. Price, Tom (R-GA6)</p>	<p>Introduced April 15, 2016</p> <p>Most Recent Action Referred to the Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial and Antitrust Law on May 17, 2016.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To provide that no Federal funds, fees, or resources may be used to implement certain Executive orders, to suspend rule making authority, and for other purposes. • Relevant proposed provision: “Beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act, and ending on January 21, 2017, no agency may engage in rule making relating to, or finalize a rule that is— <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ (1) a major rule; ○ (2) a rule that may raise novel legal or policy issues arising out of legal mandates, the President’s priorities, or the principles set forth in Executive Order 12866 (58 Fed. Reg. 190); or

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ (3) a rule that may create a serious inconsistency or otherwise interfere with an action taken or planned by another agency.”
S. 2738 Political Intelligence Transparency Act of 2016 Link	Sen. Grassley, Chuck (R-IA)	<p>Introduced Mar. 17, 2016</p> <p>Most Recent Action Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs on Mar. 17, 2016.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amends the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 (2 U.S.C. 1602) to include Political Intelligence Activities. • Defines Political Intelligence Activities as efforts to develop and maintain contacts used for planning, research, and other background effort intended to increase coordination with contacts. • Further expands upon specific limitations for securities & commodities regulations. • Incorporates limits on efforts to gain information on securities or commodities markets into 18 U.S.C. 207 restrictions on former executive and legislative branch employees.
H.R. 4809 Political Intelligence Transparency Act of 2016 Link	Rep. Louise McIntosh Slaughter (D-NY)	<p>Introduced Mar. 17, 2016</p> <p>Most Recent Action Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations on Apr. 1, 2016.</p>	
S. 2724 Separation of Powers Restoration Act of 2016 Link	Sen. Hatch, Orrin (R-UT)	<p>Introduced Mar. 17, 2016</p> <p>Most Recent Action Read twice and referred to the committee on the Judiciary on Mar. 17, 2016.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amends 5 U.S.C. §706 of the APA to require courts apply a de novo standard when conducting any judicial review under §706. • This bill modifies the scope of judicial review of agency actions to authorize courts reviewing agency actions to decide de novo all relevant questions of law, including the interpretation of constitutional and statutory provisions and rules.
H.R. 4768 Separation of Powers Restoration Act of 2016 Link	Rep. Ratcliffe, John (R-TX)	<p>Introduced Mar. 16, 2016</p> <p>Most Recent Action The title of the measure was amended. Agreed to without objection on July 12 2016. In addition, the Senate received and read the bill twice, referring it to the Committee on the Judiciary.</p> <p>Committee Reports House Judiciary</p>	

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<p>H.R. 2347 Federal Advisory Committee Act Amendments of 2015 Link</p>	<p>Rep. Clay, Wm. Lacy (D-MO)</p>	<p>Introduced May 15, 2015</p> <p>Most Recent Action Received in the Senate and read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs on Mar. 2, 2016.</p> <p>Committee Reports Oversight and Government Reform Committee</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires appointments to federal advisory committees be made without consideration of political affiliation unless required by statute. Appointments are subject to publication in the federal register and comment by interested persons. Agencies must publish information about FACA appointments and other FACA information. The GAO will review, account for, and report on agency FACA compliance.
<p>H.R. 4636 POWERS Act of 2016 Link</p>	<p>Rep. Mullin, Markwayne (R-OK)</p>	<p>Introduced Feb. 26, 2016</p> <p>Most Recent Action Referred to the Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial and Antitrust Law on Apr. 1, 2016.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amends title 5 of the United States Code to require agencies to respond to congressional committee comments on proposed rulemaking.
<p>H.R. 4612 Midnight Rule Relief Act of 2016 Link</p>	<p>Rep. Walberg, Tim (R-MI)</p>	<p>Introduced Feb. 25, 2016</p> <p>Most Recent Action Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 480 on June 10, 2016.</p> <p>Committee Reports Oversight and Government Reform Committee</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Would establish a Moratorium on agencies beginning rulemaking of rules with \$100,000,000 in annual economic effect/major increases in costs/adverse effects after January 20th of years when the president is not serving a consecutive term. Provides for emergency and deregulatory exceptions.
<p>S. 2582 Midnight Rule Relief Act of 2016 Link</p>	<p>Sen. Ernst, Joni (R-IA)</p>	<p>Introduced Feb. 25, 2016</p> <p>Most Recent Action Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs on Feb. 25, 2016.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Different text but same effect as H.R. 4612. Would establish a Moratorium on agencies beginning rulemaking of rules with \$100,000,000 in annual economic effect/major increases in costs/adverse effects after January 20th of years when the president is not serving a consecutive term. Provides for emergency and deregulatory exceptions.

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S. 2570 Unfunded mandates Accountability Act of 2016 Link	Sen. Portman, Rob (R-OH)	Introduced Feb. 24, 2016 Most Recent Action Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs on Feb. 24, 2016.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amends the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 (2 U.S.C. 1532) to require regulatory impact analyses for rules that may have an annual effect on the economy or government spending of \$100,000,000. Requires initial and final regulatory impact analyses to contain consideration of no government action, market incentive options, options to inform the public, and flexible options. Further requires explanation and assessment of predicted costs. § 202 on require the least burdensome option be used, applies the requirement to independent agencies, exempts monetary policy, and provides for judicial review of agency consideration.
H.R.451 - Safe and Secure Federal Websites Act of 2015 Link	Rep. Fleischmann, Charles J. "Chuck" (R-TN-3)	Introduced Jan. 21, 2015 Most Recent Action Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 293 on Jan. 6, 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establishes broad security and privacy requirements for federal websites and, more specifically, requires the Office of Management and Budget to establish and oversee policies and procedures for federal agencies to follow in case of a security breach.
S. 2454 Legislative Performance Review Act of 2016 Link	Sen. Paul, Rand (R-KY)	Introduced Jan. 20, 2016 Most Recent Action Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs on Jan. 20, 2016.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Federal agencies must implement a two-year plan to terminate programs with expired authorizations. Prohibits Congress from considering bills that authorize appropriations for more than four years (open to waiver by special resolution) or authorize unlimited appropriations. Committees reporting on authorizing legislation must add 1) analysis, appraisal, and evaluation of existing programs, and 2) specified details about the purpose and need for new programs.
S.2453 Duplication Reduction and Scoring Act of 2016 Link	Sen. Paul, Rand (R-KY)	Introduced Jan. 20, 2016 Most Recent Action Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs on Jan. 20, 2016.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Directs OMB to use Government Accountability Office reports to streamline government programs and agencies by eliminating and consolidating duplicative or overlapping missions/programs/agencies. OMB shall report to Congress any legislative changes required to further streamline government programs and agencies. Money saved is to be applied to deficit reduction.
H.R. 4392	Rep. Ross, Dennis A. (R-FL)	Introduced Jan. 13, 2016 Most Recent Action Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 368 on Apr. 12, 2016.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This bill requires the Office of Personnel Management to submit an annual report to Congress on the use of official time by federal employees. The bill defines "official time" as any period of time granted to a federal employee to perform representational or consultative functions and during which the employee would otherwise be in a duty status.

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<p>To Amend title 5, United States Code, to require that the office of Personnel Management submit an annual report to Congress relating to the use of official time by Federal employees.</p> <p>Link</p>		<p>Committee Reports <i>House Oversight and Government Reform</i></p>	
<p>H.R.4361 - Government Reform and Improvement Act of 2016</p> <p>Link</p>	<p>Rep. Palmer, Gary J. (R-AL-6)</p>	<p>Introduced Jan. 11, 2016</p> <p>Most Recent Action Received in the Senate and read twice; referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs on July 7, 2016</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establishes or revises government operations and personnel laws concerning: the security of federal information systems; restrictions on access to websites; probationary periods; the senior executive service; employee use of official time; and the maintenance of Internal Revenue Service records. Prohibits agencies from proposing or adopting certain rules during a moratorium period between a presidential election and inauguration.
<p>S.2269 Government Transformation Act of 2015</p> <p>Link</p>	<p>Sen. Kirk, Mark Steven (R-IL)</p>	<p>Introduced Nov. 10, 2015</p> <p>Most Recent Action Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs on Nov. 10, 2015.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establishes a Government Transformation Board which shall review the usefulness, efficiency, and duplicative nature of agency organizational practices and operations. The GTB shall also identify best practices for federal agencies to share methods, tools, systems, and technologies. The GTB will coordinate input from agencies with that of citizens and interested parties. The GTB shall submit semiannual reports of its activities and suggestions.
<p>H. R. 2826 Government Transformation Act</p> <p>Link</p>	<p>Rep. Bustos, Cheri (D-IL)</p>	<p>Introduced June 18, 2015</p> <p>Most Recent Action Referred to House Rules Committee on June 18, 2015.</p>	
<p>S.2199</p>	<p>Sen. Enzi, Michael B. (R-WY)</p>	<p>Introduced Oct. 22, 2015</p> <p>Most Recent Action</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prohibits federal agencies from promulgating rules that conflict with or fails to carry out concurrent resolutions enacted by congress which clarify the meaning of a law.

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Regulatory Authority Clarification Act of 2015 Link		Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs on Oct. 22, 2015.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agencies must promulgate new rules to replace existing rules so that the rules match existing concurrent resolutions.
H.R. 3798 – Due Process Restoration Act of 2015 Link	Rep. Garrett, Scott (R-NJ-5)	<p>Introduced Oct. 22, 2015</p> <p>Most Recent Action Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 539 on July 21, 2016.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amends the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to authorize private persons to compel the SEC to seek legal or equitable remedies in a civil action, instead of an administrative proceeding.
H.R. 3682 Reducing Employer Burdens, Unleashing Innovation, and Labor Development Act of 2015 Link	Rep. Guthrie, Brett (R-KY)	<p>Introduced Oct. 2, 2015.</p> <p>Most Recent Action Referred to the Subcommittee on Research and Technology on September 30, 2016.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires the Department of Energy to issue a decision on applications for authorization to export natural gas within <i>30 days</i> after the relevant LNG site review has been completed. Provides for appellate review of any civil action alleging that the DOE failed to meet the 30 day timeline and the ability to issue a decision mandating compliance within 30 days. <p>* Note – Despite the different titles, H.R. 89 is essentially the same as H.R. 351. ** Note – S. 33 provides for a 45 days deadline, rather than a 30 day deadline. It is otherwise substantially the same.</p>
H.R. 351 LNG Permitting Certainty and Transparency Act Link	Rep. Bill Johnson (R-OH-6)	<p>Introduced Jan. 14, 2015</p> <p>Most Recent Action Passed the House on Jan. 28, 2015; Received in the Senate on Jan. 29, 2015 and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.</p> <p>Committee Reports Rules Committee Bill Consideration Report</p>	
H.R. 89 Domestic Prosperity and Global Freedom Act * Link	Rep. Jim Bridenstine (R-OK-1)	<p>Introduced Jan. 6, 2015</p> <p>Most Recent Action Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Power on Jan. 9, 2015</p>	

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<p>S. 33 LNG Permitting Certainty and Transparency Act** Link</p>	<p>Sen. John Barrasso (R-WY)</p>	<p>Introduced Jan. 6, 2015</p> <p>Most Recent Actin: Hearings held by the Committee on Energy and National Resources on Jan. 29, 2015</p>	
<p>S.2012 Energy Policy Modernization Act of 2015 Link</p>	<p>Sen. Murkowski, Lisa (R-AK)</p>	<p>Introduced Sep. 9, 2015</p> <p>Most Recent Action Conference held by both chambers of Congress on September 8, 2016.</p> <p>Committee Reports Senate Energy and Natural Resources</p> <p>Statement of Administration Policy Jan. 27, 2016 to the Senate.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contains amendments to the Equal Access to Justice Act that require ACUS to collect, compile, and make publicly available data on settlements between the federal government and private parties.
<p>S.2006 - Regulatory Accountability Act of 2015 Link</p>	<p>Sen. Rob Portman (R- OH)</p>	<p>Introduced August 08, 2015</p> <p>Most Recent Action Referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs on Aug. 06, 2015</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To reform the process by which Federal agencies analyze and formulate new regulations and guidance documents. Agencies must consider the nature and degree of risks addressed by a new rule and the countervailing risks that might be posed by agency action; (B) direct, indirect, and cumulative costs and benefits; and (C) estimated impacts on jobs, competitiveness, and productivity.
<p>S.1944 Regulations Endanger Democracy Act of 2015 Link</p>	<p>Sen. Dan Sullivan (R- AK)</p>	<p>Introduced Aug. 05, 2015</p> <p>Most Recent Action Referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs on Aug. 5, 2015.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To require each agency to repeal or amend 1 or more rules before issuing or amending a rule. Cost of new rule must be offset by the repeal of the old rules or rules. Every six months the agencies must submit a publication identifying which rules will be made and which will be permanently repealed.
<p>H.R.3438 Require Evaluation before Implementing Executive Wishlists Act of 2015 Link</p>	<p>Rep. Marino Tom (R-PA)</p>	<p>Introduced Aug. 5, 2015</p> <p>Most Recent Action Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs on Sept. 22, 2016.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To amend title 5, United States Code, to postpone the effective date of high-impact rules pending judicial review. High impact defined as any rule that impacts the economy in excess of \$1 billion. If after 60 days after publication on the rule there is no judicial review of the rule, then the high impact rule takes effect.

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		<p>Executive Office of the President, Office of Management and Budget, Statement of Administrative Policy Link</p>	
<p>S. 1927 REVIEW Act of 2015 Link</p>	<p>Sen. Coats, Daniel (R-IN)</p>	<p>Introduced Aug. 4, 2015</p> <p>Most Recent Action Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Government Affairs on Aug. 4, 2015.</p>	
<p>H.Con.Res.67 RESTORE Resolution of 2015 Link</p>	<p>Rep. Bishop, Mike (R-MI)</p>	<p>Introduced July 29, 2015.</p> <p>Most Recent Action Referred to the House Committee on Rules on July 29, 2015.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establishes a Joint Select Committee to conduct a systematic review of rule promulgation, hold hearings on how to reduce regulatory overreach, and conduct a review of the CFR and identify rules to be repealed. • Requires Joint Select Committee to submit findings in a report to Congress. • Analyze feasibility of the creation of a permanent Joint Committee on Rules Review to review all proposed rules likely to have an annual effect on the economy of \$50M or more.
<p>S.Con.Res. 17 RESTORE Resolution of 2015 (Regulation Sensibility Through Oversight Restoration) Link</p>	<p>Sen. Mike Rounds (R-SD)</p>	<p>Introduced May 20, 2015</p> <p>Most Recent Action Referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration on May 20, 2015</p>	
<p>H.R. 3328 Small Business Regulatory Sunset Act of 2015 Link</p>	<p>Rep. Collins, Chris (R-NY)</p>	<p>Introduced Jul. 29, 2015</p> <p>Most Recent Action Referred to the Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial and Antitrust Law on Sep. 8, 2015.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requires review of existing rules having a significant economic impact on small entities. • Imposes a 7-year sunset provision on covered rules unless renewed by the agency using the notice and comment rulemaking process.
<p>S. 846 Small Business Regulatory Sunset Act of 2015 Link</p>	<p>Sen. Mark Steven Kirk (R-IL)</p>	<p>Introduced Mar. 24, 2015</p> <p>Most Recent Action Referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs on Mar. 24, 2015</p>	

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H.R.3403 - Safe Campus Act of 2015 Link	Rep. Salmon, Matt (R-AZ-5)	<p>Introduced July 29, 2015</p> <p>Most Recent Action Referred to the Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Training on Nov. 16, 2015</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amends the Higher Education Act of 1965 to protect victims of sexual violence and improve the adjudication of allegations related to sexual violence.
H.R.3256 – One In, One Out Act Link	Rep. McCaul, Michael T (R-TX)	<p>Introduced July 28, 2015</p> <p>Most Recent Action Referred to the Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial and Antitrust Law on Sept. 08, 2015</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To require each agency to repeal or revise 1 or more existing regulations before issuing a new regulation, and for other purposes.
S. 1683 SCRUB Act of 2015 (Searching for and Cutting Regulations that are Unnecessarily Burdensome) Link	Sen. Orrin Hatch (R-UT)	<p>Introduced Jun. 25, 2015</p> <p>Most Recent Action Referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs on Jun. 25, 2015</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establishes the Retrospective Regulatory Review Commission to review the Code of Federal Regulations to identify, using specified criteria, rules and sets of rules that collectively implement a regulatory program that should be repealed to lower the cost of regulation to the economy.
H.R. 1155 SCRUB Act of 2015 (Searching for and Cutting Regulations that are Unnecessarily Burdensome) Link	Rep. Jason Smith (R-MO-8)	<p>Introduced Feb. 02, 2015</p> <p>Most Recent Action Passed the House on January 7, 2016; Received in Senate, read twice, and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Government Affairs on January 11, 2016.</p> <p>Committee Reports <i>Judiciary Committee</i></p> <p>Statement of Administration: House Rules on Jan. 5, 2016.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires a federal agency that makes a new rule to repeal rules identified by the Commission to offset the cost to the economy of such new rule. * Note – Though the Senate bill contains additional procedures for a joint resolution, these two bills are substantially identical.

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<p>S. 1817 Smarter Regs Act of 2015</p> <p>Link</p>	<p>Sen. Heitkamp (D-ND)</p>	<p>Introduced and Referred July 21, 2015</p> <p>Most Recent Action Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 522 on June 20, 2016.</p> <p>Committee Reports Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To improve the effectiveness of major rules in accomplishing their regulatory objectives by promoting retrospective review, and for other purposes Requires final rules in Federal Register to establish future retrospective review within ten years of promulgation Proposes factors for reassessment Establishes OMB oversight Heitkamp amendment: adds several agency exceptions and limiting language re: judicial review
<p>S. 1818 Principled Rulemaking Act of 2015</p> <p>Link</p>	<p>Sen. Lankford (R-OK)</p>	<p>Introduced and Referred July 21, 2015</p> <p>Most Recent Action Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 613. September 6, 2016.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To amend title 5, United States Code, to reform the rule making process of agencies Enhances pre-promulgation considerations, including detailed cost-benefit analysis provisions and inclusion of scientific data Limits scope of agency rulemaking
<p>S. 1820 Early Participation in Regulations Act of 2015</p> <p>Link</p>	<p>Sen. Lankford (R-OK)</p>	<p>Introduced July 21, 2015</p> <p>Most Recent Action Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 614. September 6, 2016.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To require agencies to publish an advance notice of proposed rulemaking for major rules Major rules defined as: “any rule that the Administrator of the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs determines is likely to impose (A) an annual effect on the economy of \$100,000,000 or more; (B) a major increase in costs or prices for consumers, individual industries, Federal, State, local, or tribal government agencies, or geographic regions; or (C) significant effects on competition, employment, investment, productivity, innovation, or on the ability of United States-based enterprises to compete with foreign-based enterprises in domestic and export markets”
<p>H.R.3023</p>	<p>Rep. Buck, Ken (R-CO)</p>	<p>Introduced July 10, 2015</p> <p>Most Recent Action Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 358 on Mar. 23, 2016.</p> <p>Committee Reports House Oversight and Government Reform Committee</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Imposes a probationary period before appointments to the competitive civil service, or appointment as a supervisor, can become final. Two years for positions requiring formal training. Two years from the date of licensure for positions requiring a license. At least two years for any other position. Agencies must ensure that (1) vacant position announcements and offers clearly state the terms and conditions of probationary period, (2) notice of probationary requirements is given, and (3) successful completion of probationary periods is certified.

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<p>To amend title 5, United States Code, to modify probationary periods with respect to positions within the competitive service and the Senior Executive Service, and for other purposes.</p> <p>Link</p>			
<p>H.R.2896 - TAILOR Act of 2015</p> <p>Link</p>	<p>Rep. Tipton, Scott R. (R-CO-3)</p>	<p>Introduced June 25, 2015</p> <p>Most Recent Action Ordered to be Reported by the Yeas and Nays—the Vote Was 34 to 22—on Mar. 2, 2016.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Directs the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, the National Credit Union Administration, and the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (federal financial institutions regulatory agencies) to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take into consideration the risk profile and business models of institutions subject to regulatory action; • Determine the necessity, appropriateness, and impact of applying that action to such institutions; and • Tailor regulatory action so as to limit the burden of regulatory compliance as befits the risk profile and business model involved. • The federal financial institutions regulatory agencies must also consider: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The impact that such regulatory action has upon the ability of the institution to flexibly serve evolving and diverse customer needs; • The potential unintended impact of examination manuals or other regulatory directives that work in conflict with the tailoring of such regulatory action; and • The underlying policy objectives of the regulatory action and statutory scheme involved. • In addition, a federal financial institutions regulatory agency must disclose in every notice of a proposed and final rulemaking for a regulatory action how it has applied this Act.

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S.J.Res. 17 Proposed Amendment to the Constitution Link	Sen. Michael B. Enzi (R-WY)	Introduced Jun. 25, 2015 Most Recent Action Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary on Jun. 25, 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proposed amendment to the Constitution to give States the right to repeal Federal laws and regulations when ratified by the legislatures of two-thirds of the States.
S.1580 Competitive Service Act of 2015 Link	Sen. Tester, Jon (D-MT)	Introduced June 6, 2015 Most recent action Became Public Law No: 114-137 on Mar. 18, 2016. Committee Reports Oversight and Government Reform Committee Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Authorizes an agency appointing an individual to a position in the competitive service, other than the appointing authority that requested the certificate of eligibles for filling a position in the competitive service, to select an individual from that certificate for appointment to a position that is: (1) in the same occupational series as the position for which the certificate of eligibles was issued, and (2) at a similar grade level as the original position. Sets forth requirements relating to the sharing of certificates, notice, and selection of job applicants.
H.R.2827 Competitive Service Act of 2015 Link	Rep. Connolly, Gerald E. (-VA)	Introduced June 18, 2015 Most Recent Action Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform on Jun. 18, 2015	
S. 1607 Independent Agency Regulatory Analysis Act of 2015 Link	Sen. Rob Portman (R-OH)	Introduced Jun. 18, 2015 Most Recent Action Reported favorably (with substitute amendment) out of Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs on Oct. 7, 2015.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Authorizes the President to require independent regulatory agencies to <ul style="list-style-type: none"> comply with regulatory analysis requirements applicable to other federal agencies; provide the Administrator of OIRA with an assessment of the costs and benefits of a proposed or final economically significant rule (\$100M or more); submit any significant rule to the Administrator for review. Prohibits judicial review of compliance with the Act.
H.R.2778 Sunset Act of 2015 Link	Rep. Steve King (R-IA-4)	Introduced Jun. 15, 2015 Most Recent Action	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires enactment of a joint resolution by Congress before a major rule can take effect. Prohibits a rule from taking effect if a joint resolution is not enacted within 70 session days.

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		Referred to the Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial And Antitrust Law on Jul. 1, 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prevents reconsideration of a rule for which no joint resolution was issued by the same Congress. Prevents reissuance of rule in substantially the same form. Requires retrospective review over a 10 year period, provides for sunset of rules over 10 year period unless extended by joint resolution.
H.R. 2745 Standard Merger and Acquisition Reviews Through Equal Rules Act of 2015 Link	Rep. Farenthold, Blake (R-TX)	<p>Introduced June 12, 2015</p> <p>Most Recent Action Passed the House on March 23, 2016; Received in the Senate; Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary on April 4, 2016.</p> <p>Committee Reports Judiciary Rules Committee Bill Consideration Report</p> <p>Statements of Administration House Rules on Mar. 21, 2016.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amends the FTC Act to exclude proposed mergers, acquisitions, joint ventures, etc. from normal FTC proceedings except where the FTC approves an agreement with the parties that contains a consent order.
S. 2102 Standard merger and Acquisition Reviews Through Equal Rules Act of 2015 Link	Sen. Lee, Mike (R-UT)	<p>Introduced Sept. 30, 2015</p> <p>Most Recent Action Hearings held by the Judiciary Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights on Mar. 9, 2016.</p>	
S.1550 Program Management Improvement Accountability Act Link	Sen. Ernst, Joni (R-IA)	<p>Introduced June 10, 2015</p> <p>Most Recent Action Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection on September 22, 2016, in the House. Message on House action received in Senate and at desk: House amendment to Senate bill on September 26, 2016.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires OMB to oversee the adoption of government-wide standards for program and project management in executive agencies. OMB must also chair a Program Management Policy Council (PMPC) to improve agency practices. Requires agencies required to have a Chief Financial Officer to assign a Program Management Improvement Officer (PMIO) to develop a strategy to improve program manager roles. OPM must issue regulations covering PMIO officer requirements, job series, and career paths.

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		<p>Committee Reports <i>Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GAO must issue a report within three years that examines the improvements in program standards, policies, strategic plans, and the effectiveness of PMIOs and the PMPC.
<p>H.R.2144 Program Management Improvement Accountability Act Link</p>	<p>Rep. Young, Todd C. (R-IN)</p>	<p>Introduced Apr. 30, 2015</p> <p>Most Recent Action Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform on Apr. 30, 2015.</p>	
<p>S. 1536 Small Business Regulatory Flexibility Improvements Act of 2015 Link</p>	<p>Sen. David Vitter (R-LA)</p>	<p>Introduced Jun. 10, 2015</p> <p>Most Recent Action Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship. Hearings Held on April 27, 2016.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires agencies to include the North American Industrial Classification System sectors for which a rule will have an economic impact and a plain language summary for any proposed rules. Requires the Regulatory Flexibility Analysis to include an estimate of the number and types of small entities to be affected by a proposed rule. Requires final regulatory flexibility analyses to be made publicly available on an agency's website. Requires additional involvement of and grants additional powers to the SBA. Requires periodic review of enacted rules and civil penalties imposed by the agency. Suspends civil penalties in some circumstances for first-time paperwork violations by small business concerns.
<p>H.R. 2631 Regulatory Predictability for Business Growth Act of 2015 Link</p>	<p>Rep. Steve Russell (R-OK-5)</p>	<p>Introduced Jun. 3, 2015</p> <p>Most Recent Action Considered by Judiciary Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial and Antitrust Law on Nov. 3, 2015.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adds definition for "longstanding interpretive rule," to distinguish from an "interpretive rule" as one that has been in effect for not less than one year. Requires Notice and Comment for longstanding interpretive rules
<p>S.1487 Regulatory Predictability for Business Growth Act of 2015 Link</p>	<p>Sen. Steve Daines (R-MT)</p>	<p>Introduced Jun. 3, 2015</p> <p>Most Recent Action Referred to Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs on Jun. 3, 2015</p>	

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H.R. 2583 Federal Communication Commission Process Reform Act of 2015 Link	Rep. Walden, Greg (R-OR)	Introduced May 29, 2015 Most Recent Action Passed the House on November 16, 2015; Received in the Senate; Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation on Nov. 17, 2015. Committee Reports House Energy and Commerce	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compels the FCC to perform rulemaking to adopt rules establishing minimum period for comment and reply for rulemakings; Policies ensuring public notice and opportunity to respond to comments, ex parte communications and materials submitted after the comment period; Deadlines and guidance for disposition of certain petitions; and, procedures to included proposed rule language in proposed rulemaking notices. • Requires web publication and reporting to congress on open rulemaking material, pending actions, and pending congressional investigations. Updated at least quarterly. • Other reporting requirements include finances to other agencies and the public – such as financial auditing by the GAO and consultation with the SBA.
H.R. 2507 Increasing Regulatory Fairness Act of 2015 Link	Rep. Brady, Kevin (R- TX)	Introduced May 21, 2015 Most Recent Action Passed the House on June 17, 2015; Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance on Jun. 18, 2015. Committee Reports House Ways and Means Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amends Medicare Part C to direct DHHS to determine and announce annually for 2017 on certain Medicare Advantage risk management data and determination processes. • Such information includes: Annual Medicare Advantage capitation rate for each payment area; risk and other factors used in adjusting such rates for monthly payments; MA region-specific non-drug monthly benchmark amounts for each MA region and each MA regional plan for which a bid was submitted; and major policy changes to risk adjustment models.
H.R. 2347 Federal Advisory Committee Act Amendments of 2015 Link	Rep. Clay, Wm. Lacy (D-MO)	Introduced May 15, 2015 Most Recent Action Passed the House on March 1, 2016; Received in the Senate; Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs on Mar. 2, 2016. Committee Reports House Oversight and Government Reform	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requires appointments to federal advisory committees be made without consideration of political affiliation unless required by statute. Appointments are subject to publication in the federal register and comment by interested persons. • Agencies must publish information about FACA appointments and other FACA information. • The GAO will review, account for, and report on agency FACA compliance.

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<p>H.R.2319 - Electronic Message Preservation Act of 2015 Link</p>	<p>Rep. Cummings, Elijah E. (D-MD-7)</p>	<p>Introduced May 14, 2015</p> <p>Most Recent Action Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 589 on Sept. 19, 2016</p> <p>Committee Reports Oversight and Government Reform</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amends title 44, United States Code, to require preservation of certain electronic records by Federal agencies as well as certification relating to Presidential records. Requires the Archivist to promulgate new regulations about the preservation of electronic records.
<p>H.R. 2042 Ratepayer Protection Act of 2015 Link</p>	<p>Rep. Whitfield, Ed (R-KY)</p>	<p>Introduced Apr. 28, 2015</p> <p>Most Recent Action Read twice. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 569 on July 14, 2016</p> <p>Committee Reports House Energy and Commerce Committee, House Report 114-171.</p> <p>Statements of Administration House Rules on June 23, 2015.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Extends the deadlines for compliance with final rules targeting carbon dioxide emissions from existing sources that are fossil fuel-fired electric utilities under the Clean Air Act. Allows state governors to refuse to submit state plans or opt out of EPA rules when there is a significant adverse effect upon residential, commercial, or industrial ratepayers, or upon the reliability of the state's electricity system.
<p>H.R. 2010 Regulatory Review and Sunset Act of 2015 Link</p>	<p>Rep. Randy Hultgren (R-IL-14)</p>	<p>Introduced Apr. 23, 2015</p> <p>Most Recent Action Referred to the Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial and Antitrust Law on May 15, 2015</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires significant rules to be grouped for orderly and prioritized sunset reviews over a period lasting between 4 and 10 years Permits public petition or Congressional request that a non-significant rule be designated for sunset review
<p>S.1067 Regulatory Review and Sunset Act of 2015 Link</p>	<p>Sen. Roy Blunt (R-MO)</p>	<p>Introduced Apr. 23, 2015</p> <p>Most Recent Action Referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs on Apr. 23, 2015</p>	

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<p>S.1040 - ROV In-Depth Examination Act of 2015 Link</p>	<p>Sen. Heller, Dean (R-NV)</p>	<p>Introduced Apr. 22, 2015</p> <p>Most Recent Action Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 642 on Sept. 22, 2016</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires the Consumer Product Safety Commission (“CPSC”) to contract with the National Academy of Sciences (“NAS”) to complete a two-year study on lateral stability and to consult that study when drafting rules in the future.
<p>H.R. 1737 Reforming CFPB Indirect Auto Financing Guidance Act Link</p>	<p>Rep. Guinta, Frank C. (R-NH)</p>	<p>Introduced Apr. 13, 2015</p> <p>Most Recent Action Passed the House on November 18, 2015; Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs on Nov. 19, 2015.</p> <p>Committee Reports <i>House Financial Services Committee</i></p> <p>Rules Committee Bill Consideration Report</p> <p>Statements of Administration House on November 16, 2015.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Declares CFPB Bulletin 2013-02 without force (Indirect Auto Lending and Compliance with the Equal Credit Opportunity Act, published Mar. 21, 2013). Amends the CFP Act of 2010 to direct the CFPB to open indirect auto financing actions to public comment prior to issuance of guidance in its final form; make publicly available all information relied on by the CFPB; redact information exempt from the FIA; consult with the Federal Reserve System Board of Governors, the Federal Trade Commission, and Department of Justice; and study the costs and impacts of guidance to consumers and specific small businesses.
<p>H.R. 1732 Regulatory Integrity Protection Act of 2015 Link</p>	<p>Rep. Shuster, Bill (R-PA)</p>	<p>Introduced Apr. 13, 2015</p> <p>Most Recent Action Passed the House on May 12, 2015; Received in the Senate on May 13, 2015.</p> <p>07/14/2016 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works</p> <p>Committee Reports <i>House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires the US Army Corps of Engineers and the EPA to withdraw the proposed rule “Definition of ‘Waters of the United States’ Under the Clean Water Act” dated April 21, 2014. Directs US ACE to make a new rule defining waters of the U.S. that meets requirements that ACE & the EPA consult with states and localities noted in the bill. Requires ACE to include explanations in response to filed comments on certain related rules, and certain economic impact analyses. Requires ACE to publish reports describing consensus with state and local governments and make them available for at least 180 days.

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		<p><i>Rules Committee Bill Consideration Report</i></p> <p>Statements of Administration House Rules on April 29, 2015.</p>	
<p>H.R. 1734 Improving Coal Combustion Residuals Regulation Act of 2015 Link</p>	<p>Rep. McKinley, David B. (R- WV)</p>	<p>Introduced Apr. 13, 2015</p> <p>Most Recent Action 07/14/2016 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works. Passed the House on July 22, 2015; Received in the Senate on Jul. 23, 2015.</p> <p>Committee Reports <i>House Energy and Commerce</i></p> <p>Statements of Administration House Rules on July 21, 2015.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outlines subject matter areas for state regulation to adopt, implement, and enforce a coal combustion residuals permit programs. • Requires states inform the administrator of the EPA of regulatory efforts and details procedural requirements in reporting.
<p>H.R. 1759 ALERT Act of 2015 Link</p>	<p>Rep. John Ratcliffe (R-TX-4)</p>	<p>Introduced Apr. 13, 2015</p> <p>Most Recent Action Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 180. on July 29, 2015</p> <p>Committee Reports <i>House Oversight and Government Reform</i> <i>House Judiciary</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requires the head of each federal agency to submit monthly report to OIRA for each rule expected to be proposed or finalized during the following year. • Requires OIRA to publish an annual summary of all proposed or final rules for the preceding year. • Delays effectiveness of any rule until six months after information has been made available, unless an exception applies.
<p>H.R. 1644 Supporting Transparent Regulatory and Environmental Actions in Mining Act Link</p>	<p>Rep. Mooney, Alexander X. (R-WV)</p>	<p>Introduced Mar. 26, 2015</p> <p>Most Recent Action Passed the House on January 12, 2016; Received in the Senate; Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and natural Resources on Jan. 19, 2016.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amends the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 to direct the Department of the Interior to make publicly available online and in the Federal Register any scientific product and change relied on in developing a rule, analysis, or assessment. • Federally funded scientific products must also make publicly available the raw data used for them to the extent not protected by copyright or disclosure of personally identifiable information, intellectual property, or business-sensitive information.

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		<p>Committee Reports <i>House Natural Resources Committee</i></p> <p><i>Rules Committee Bill Consideration Report</i></p> <p>Statements of Administration House Rules on January 11, 2016.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The National Academy of Sciences Board on Earth Sciences and Resources will conduct detailed study of surface coal mining operations' effectiveness and environmental impacts.
H.R. 1675 Capital Markets Improvement Act of 2016 Link	Rep. Hultgren, Randy (R-IL)	<p>Introduced Mar. 26, 2015</p> <p>Most Recent Action Passed the House on February 3, 2015; Received in the Senate; Read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs on Feb. 4, 2016.</p> <p>Committee Reports <i>House Financial Services</i></p> <p><i>Rules Committee Bill Consideration Report</i></p> <p>Statements of Administration Feb. 2, 2016 to House Rules.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Directs the Securities and Exchange Commission to revise regulations to require an issuer to furnish investors with additional specified disclosures regarding compensatory benefit plans if the aggregate sales price or amount of securities sold during any consecutive 12-month period exceeds \$10 million (currently \$5 million), indexed for inflation every five years.
H.R. 1599 Safe and Accurate Food Labeling Act of 2015 Link	Rep. Pompeo, Mike (R-KS)	<p>Introduced Mar. 25, 2015</p> <p>Most Recent Action Passed the House July 23, 2015; Received in the Senate; Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry on Jul. 24, 2015.</p> <p>Committee Reports <i>House Agriculture, Part I</i> <i>House Agriculture, Part II; Rules Committee Bill Consideration Report</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The FDA must regulate the term "natural" for food labeling, preempting state and local uses of the term. Amends the Plant Protection Act to only permit the sale of GMO foods determined safe through the FDA's consultation process and the results of that determination shared with the USDA. The Agricultural Marketing Service will establish a voluntary genetically engineered food certification program to regulate the application of labeling requirements for GMO based foods.

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<p>H.R. 1525 Disclosure Modernization and Simplification Act of 2015 Link</p>	<p>Rep. Garret, Scott (R-NJ)</p>	<p>Introduced Mar. 23, 2015</p> <p>Most Recent Action Passed House on October 6, 2015; Received in the Senate; Read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs on Oct. 7, 2015.</p> <p>Committee Reports House Financial Services Committee</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires the SEC to revise regulation S-K to reduce the burden on smaller issuers while still providing material information to investors and eliminating duplicative, overlapping, outdated, or unnecessary provisions. Directs the SEC to study and simplify requirements in regulations S-K, and evaluate information delivery and presentation methods as well as explore methods to discourage prepetition and disclosure of immaterial information. Requires the SEC to issue a proposed rule implementing recommendations it proposes to congress based on this study.
<p>S. 826 REVIEWS Act (Regulatory Examination Vital for Improving and Evaluating Working Solutions) Link</p>	<p>Sen. Steve Daines (R-MT)</p>	<p>Introduced Mar. 19, 2015</p> <p>Most Recent Action Referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs on Mar. 19, 2015</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Imposes a 10-year sunset provision on covered rules unless renewed by the agency using the notice and comment rulemaking process. Changes the definition of “final agency action”
<p>H.R.1414 - Pay as You Rate Act Link</p>	<p>Rep. Titus, Dina (D-NV- 1)</p>	<p>Introduced Mar. 17, 2015</p> <p>Most Recent Action Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee in the Nature of a Substitute (Amended) by Voice-Vote on May 14, 2015</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Directs the Secretary to make interim payments of disability compensation benefits for certain claims prior to adjudication.
<p>H.R. 1407 Regulatory Improvement Act of 2015 Link</p>	<p>Rep. Patrick Murphy (D-FL-18)</p>	<p>Introduced Mar 17, 2015</p> <p>Most Recent Action Committee on Energy and Natural Resources—hearings held June 9, 2015.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establishes in the legislative branch the Regulatory Improvement Commission to evaluate and make recommendations and propose legislation for modification, consolidation, or repeal of regulations.

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H.R. 1381 – Transparency in Government Act of 2015 Link	Rep. Quigley, Mike (D-IL- 5)	Introduced Mar. 16, 2015 Most Recent Action Referred to the Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, and the Internet on Apr. 21, 2015.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amends the Ethics in Government Act of 1978, the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995, and the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006 to improve access to information in the Legislative and Executive Branches of the Government.
S. 708 Regulatory Improvement Act of 2015 Link	Sen. Angus S. King, Jr. (I-ME)	Introduced Mar. 11, 2015 Most Recent Action Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship. Hearings Held on April 27, 2016.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
H.R. 1155 – SCRUB Act of 2016 Link	Rep. Smith, Jason (R-Mo- 8)	Introduced Feb. 27, 2015 Most Recent Action Received in the Senate and Read Twice; Referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs on Feb. 11, 2016.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides for the establishment of a process for the review of rules and sets of rules.
H.R. 1090 Retail Investor Protection Act Link	Rep. Wagner, Ann (R-MO)	Introduced Feb. 25, 2015 Most Recent Action Passed House on October 27, 2015; Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs on Oct. 28, 2015. Committee Reports House Financial Services Committee Rules Committee Bill Consideration Report Statements of Administration October 26, 2015 to House Rules	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prohibits the Secretary of Labor from regulating under ERISA to define the circumstances under which an individual is a fiduciary until 60 days after the SEC issues a final rule governing standards of conduct for brokers and dealers under specified law. Amends the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to prohibit the SEC from promulgating investment advisor standards prior to reporting to certain congressional committees. Under this amendment the SEC must report on retail investors and other customers harmed due to broker or dealer operations under a different standard; alternative remedies; and adoption of uniform fiduciary standards of conduct.

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H.R. 1030 Secret Science Reform Act of 2015 Link	Rep. Smith, Lamar (R-TX)	<p>Introduced Feb. 24, 2015</p> <p>Most Recent Action Passed the House on March 18, 2015; Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works on Mar. 19, 2015.</p> <p>Committee Reports House Science, Space, and Technology Committee</p> <p>Rules Committee Bill Consideration Report</p> <p>Statements of Administration March 3, 2015 to House Rules</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amends the Environmental Research, Development, and Demonstration Authorization Act of 1978 to prohibit the EPA from taking covered actions when relying upon science not specifically identified and publicly available in a manner sufficient for independent analysis and substantial reproduction of research. Covered actions include risk, exposure, and hazard assessments, criteria documents, standard, limitation, regulation, regulatory impact analyses, or guidance. Scientific and Technical information includes materials, data, associated protocols necessary to understand, assess, and extend conclusions, computer codes, models, recorded factual materials, and detailed descriptions of how to access and use the information. Limits EPA cost to reach these requirements to \$1 million per year.
H.R. 1029 EPA Science Advisory Board Reform Act of 2015 Link	Rep. Lucas, Frank D. (R-OK)	<p>Introduced Feb. 24, 2015</p> <p>Most Recent Action Passed the House on March 17, 2015; Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works on Mar. 18, 2015.</p> <p>Committee Reports House Science, Space, and Technology Committee</p> <p>Rules Committee Bill Consideration Report</p> <p>Statements of Administration March 3, 2015 to House Rules</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amends the Environmental Research, Development and Demonstration Authorization act of 1978 to revise member selection process for the Science Advisory Board as well as member qualification and terms. The EPA must make public a list of nominees to the board and accept comment on the list. The EPA must draft a risk assessment in regulatory proposals and documents sent to the board and the board's comment must be included in the record published in the Federal Register. Imposes additional public participation requirements on the EPA and the Board.
H.R. 962 Startup Act Link	Rep. Robert Dold, Jr. (R-IL-10)	<p>Introduced Feb. 13, 2015</p> <p>Most Recent Action Referred to the Subcommittee on Research and Technology on Mar. 10, 2015</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">

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<p>H.R.712 Sunshine for Regulations and Regulatory Decrees and Settlements Act of 2016 Link</p>	<p>Rep. Collins, Doug (R-GA)</p>	<p>Introduced Feb. 4, 2015</p> <p>Most Recent Action Passed the House on January 7, 2016; Received in the Senate and read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary on Jan. 11, 2016.</p> <p>Committee Reports Judiciary Committee Rules Committee Bill Consideration Report</p> <p>Statements of Administration January 5, 2016 to House Rules</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires agencies to publish notice of intent to sue for certain covered civil actions/decrees/settlements 15 days after receiving service. Intended to allow affected parties to intervene. Agencies must provide notice in the federal register of decrees/settlements 60 days before such agreements are filed with the court. Requires the DoJ or an independently litigating agency's head to certify proposed decrees and settlements. Requires agencies to annually report to congress the number of covered civil actions and their outcomes. Courts will review covered decrees and settlements de novo if the agency files a motion to modify the decrees and settlements on the basis of public interests.
<p>S.378 Sunshine for Regulations and Regulatory Decrees and Settlements Act of 2015 Link</p>	<p>Sen. Grassley, Chuck (R-IA)</p>	<p>Introduced Feb. 4, 2015</p> <p>Most Recent Action Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary on Feb. 4, 2015.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Definition of "rule" under RFA is expanded to include all agency rules, except for rules that pertain to the protection of the rights of, or benefits for, veterans or rules of particular (and not general) applicability relating to rates, wages, and other financial indicators. Under a new definition of "economic impact," agencies are required to consider any direct economic effect of a proposed rule on small entities and any indirect economic effect on small entities that is reasonably foreseeable and that results from such rule.
<p>S. 426 Small Business Regulatory Flexibility Improvements Act of 2015 Link</p>	<p>Sen. Kelly Ayotte (R-NH)</p>	<p>Introduced Feb. 10, 2015</p> <p>Most Recent Action Referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs on Feb. 10, 2015</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Definition of "rule" under RFA is expanded to include all agency rules, except for rules that pertain to the protection of the rights of, or benefits for, veterans or rules of particular (and not general) applicability relating to rates, wages, and other financial indicators. Under a new definition of "economic impact," agencies are required to consider any direct economic effect of a proposed rule on small entities and any indirect economic effect on small entities that is reasonably foreseeable and that results from such rule.
<p>H.R. 690 Providing Accountability Through Transparency Act of 2015 Link</p>	<p>Rep. Blaine Luetkemeyer (R-MO-3)</p>	<p>Introduced Feb. 3, 2015</p> <p>Most Recent Action Placed on Union Calendar as No. 135 on Jun. 25, 2015</p> <p>Committee Reports</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires agencies to include a 100 word plain language summary of each rule promulgated through notice and comment rulemaking.

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		<i>Judiciary Committee</i>	
S.421 - Federal Communications Commission Process Reform Act of 2015 Link	Sen. Heller, Dean (R-NV)	Introduced Feb. 2, 2015 Most Recent Action Senator Thune from Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation filed written report under authority of the order of the Senate on Dec. 20, 2016.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amends the Communications Act of 1934 to require the Federal Communications Commission (“FCC”) to establish procedural rules concerning: (1) public notices for rulemakings, petitions, and applications; (2) minimum periods for comments and replies; (3) FCC Commissioners' deliberations; and (4) the FCC reports, decisions, budgets, and other agency documents to be made publicly available in the Federal Register or on the FCC's website. Requires the specific language of proposed rules or amendments to be: (1) included in proposed rulemaking notices, and (2) published for at least twenty-one days before a vote. Requires the FCC to initiate a new rulemaking proceeding every five years to continue its consideration of procedural rule changes.
S. 337 FOIA Improvement Act of 2015 Link	Sen. John Cornyn (R-TX)	Introduced Feb. 2, 2015 Most Recent Action Became Public Law No: 114-185 on June 30, 2016. Committee Reports Judiciary Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires information requested under FOIA to be made available in electronic format. Prohibits an agency for charging a fee to fulfill a request if it fails to meet the statutory deadlines for responding to a FOIA request. States that even if materials that would be returned under a FOIA request qualify as one of the statutory exemptions, the materials should not be withheld for the sole reason of protecting the agency from embarrassment. Requires the creation of a consolidated online request portal for all FOIA requests. Requires all agencies to have a Chief FOIA officer who will review requests, disclosures, and exemptions for compliance with the Act.
H.R. 653 FOIA Oversight and Implementation Act of 2015 (FOIA Act) Link	Rep. Darrell Issa (R-CA-49)	Introduced Feb. 2, 2015 Most Recent Action Passed the House on January 11, 2016; Received in Senate, read twice, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary on January 12, 2016. Committee Reports House Oversight and Government Reform	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires information requested under FOIA to be made available in electronic format. Prohibits an agency for charging a fee to fulfill a request if it fails to meet the statutory deadlines for responding to a FOIA request. States that even if materials that would be returned under a FOIA request qualify as one of the statutory exemptions, the materials should not be withheld for the sole reason of protecting the agency from embarrassment. Requires the creation of a consolidated online request portal for all FOIA requests. Requires all agencies to have a Chief FOIA officer who will review requests, disclosures, and exemptions for compliance with the Act.

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<p>H.R. 579 THRIFT Act of 2015 (To Help Reduce Inefficient Federal Tendencies) Link</p>	<p>Rep. Daniel Webster (R-FL-10)</p>	<p>Introduced Jan. 28, 2015</p> <p>Most Recent Action Referred to the Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, and the Internet on Feb. 19, 2015</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allows federal courts and agencies to submit a plan to retain for personnel purposes 5%-25% of any savings resulting from increased operating efficiency.
<p>H.R. 527 Small Business Regulatory Flexibility Improvements Act of 2015 Link</p>	<p>Rep. Steve Chabot (R-OH-1)</p>	<p>Introduced Jan. 26, 2015</p> <p>Most Recent Action Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs on Feb. 9, 2015 Passed the House on Feb. 5, 2015; Received in the Senate on Feb. 9, 2015; Discharged by the Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial And Antitrust Law on Feb. 19, 2015</p> <p>Committee Reports Judiciary Committee</p> <p>Rules Committee Bill Consideration Report</p> <p>Statement of Administration Policy Feb. 3, 2015 to House Rules</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires agencies to include the North American Industrial Classification System sectors for which a rule will have an economic impact and a plain language summary for any proposed rules. Requires the Regulatory Flexibility Analysis to include an estimate of the number and types of small entities to be affected by a proposed rule. Requires final regulatory flexibility analyses to be made publicly available on an agency's website. Requires involvement by the SBA (i.e. prior notification to the SBA of proposed rules, including information on which the rule is based, to enable to SBA to issue a report detailing potential effect on small businesses and suggested alternatives to minimize harm and maximize benefits) in the rulemaking process for any rule that will have an annual effect on the economy of \$100M or more, or that will have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. Requires periodic review of enacted rules.
<p>H.R. 522</p>	<p>Rep. Doug Collins (R-GA-9)</p>	<p>Introduced Jan. 26, 2015</p> <p>Most Recent Action</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establishes a commission charged with evaluating federal agencies every year for six years to determine whether: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> there are duplicate agencies or programs performing the same function in a manner that can be consolidated

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Commission on the Accountability and Review of Federal Agencies Act Link		Referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform and the Rules Committee on Jan. 26, 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> any agencies or programs have wasted federal funds through egregious spending or use of funds for personal benefit any agencies or programs have completed their intended purpose or have otherwise become irrelevant Terminates the commission 90 days after the sixth annual report is submitted, with each report providing recommendations as to realignment or elimination of agencies or programs.
S. 234* Regulatory Fairness Act of 2015 Link	Sen. David Vitter (R-LA)	Introduced Jan. 22, 2015 Most Recent Action Referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works on Jan. 22, 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Limits the timeframe during which the EPA can prohibit use of a defined area as a disposal site for dredged or fill material to the time between when notice is published by the Secretary of the Army and when a permit is issued. Requires notice and comment before the EPA can make the requisite findings to deny or restrict use. *Note – This bill was introduced two separate times by the same Senator under different bill numbers.
S. 54* Regulatory Fairness Act of 2015 Link	Sen. David Vitter (R-LA)	Introduced Jan. 7, 2015 Most Recent Action Referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works on Jan. 7, 2015	
S. 226 REINS Act of 2015 (Regulations from the Executive in Need of Scrutiny) Link	Sen. Rand Paul (R-KY)	Introduced Jan. 21, 2015 Most Recent Action Referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs on Jan. 21, 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires all proposed rules to include a classification as major or non-major. Requires enactment of a joint resolution by Congress before a major rule can take effect. Prohibits a major rule from taking effect if a joint resolution is not enacted within 70 session days.
H.R. 427 REINS Act of 2015 (Regulations From the Executive in Need of Scrutiny) Link	Rep. Todd C. Young (R-IN-9)	Introduced Jan. 21, 2015 Most Recent Action Read the Second Time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 307 on Dec. 2, 2015. Committee Reports House Judiciary	

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<p>H.R. 445 Transparency in Rule Making When Using Scientific Testing Act of 2015 Link</p>	<p>Rep. Larry Bucshon (R-IN-8)</p>	<p>Introduced Jan. 21, 2015</p> <p>Most Recent Action Referred to the Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial and Antitrust Law on Feb. 19, 2015</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires agencies to include in their notice of proposed rulemaking any scientific research relevant to proposed rule.
<p>S. 189 Unfunded Mandates Information and Transparency Act of 2015 Link</p>	<p>Sen. Deb Fischer (R-NE)</p>	<p>Introduced Jan. 20, 2015</p> <p>Most Recent Action Referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs on Jan. 20, 2015</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires independent regulatory agencies to comply with the reporting requirements of the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995.
<p>H.R. 50 Unfunded Mandates Information and Transparency Act of 2015 Link</p>	<p>Rep. Virginia Foxx (R-NC-5)</p>	<p>Introduced Jan. 6, 2015</p> <p>Most Recent Action Passed the House on Feb. 4, 2015; Received in the Senate on Feb. 5, 2015 and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs</p> <p>Committee Reports Oversight and Government Reform Committee</p> <p>Statement of Administration Policy Feb. 3, 2015 to House Rules</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires federal agencies to assess the effect of regulatory actions on state, local and tribal governments, and on the private sector. Requires agencies to include a cost benefit analysis, including qualitative and quantitative assessment, for any proposed or final rules with an annual effect of \$100M or more in one year. Increases consultation requirements during the rulemaking process with relation to state and local governments.
<p>S. 181 Startup Act Link</p>	<p>Sen. Jerry Moran (R-KS)</p>	<p>Introduced Jan. 16, 2015</p> <p>Most Recent Action Referred to the Committee on Finance on Jan. 16, 2015</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Primarily related to immigration for employment in STEM fields. As is relevant here, requires federal agencies to complete a cost benefit analysis and identify expected impact on state, local, and tribal governments before issuing a notice of proposed rulemaking for any major rule.
<p>H.R. 352</p>	<p>Rep. Sean P. Duffy (R-WI-7)</p>	<p>Introduced Jan. 14, 2015</p> <p>Most Recent Action</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rescinds \$20,000 per week from the EPA budget for each week it is not in compliance with certain enumerated statutes geared at regulatory reform.

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Environmental Protection Agency Accountability Act of 2015 Link		Referred to the Subcommittee on Biotechnology, Horticulture, and Research on Jan. 26, 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Designates the Comptroller General as the person responsible for determining whether the EPA is in compliance.
S. 110 Environmental Protection Agency Accountability Act of 2015 Link	Sen. Dean Heller (R-NV)	<p>Introduced Jan. 7, 2015</p> <p>Most Recent Action Referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works on Jan. 7, 2015</p>	
H.R. 348 RAPID Act (Responsibly and Professionally Invigorating Development) Link	Rep. Tom Marino (R-PA-10)	<p>Introduced Jan. 14, 2015</p> <p>Most Recent Action Passed in House September 25, 2015; Received in Senate, read twice, and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works on Sept. 28, 2015.</p> <p>Committee Reports Judiciary</p> <p>Rule Committee Bill Consideration Report</p> <p>Statement of Administration Policy Sept. 16, 2015 to House Rules.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires agencies to coordinate efforts regarding environmental impact reports and other aspects of permitting for any construction projects undertaken by the Federal government or requiring a permit or regulatory approval by a Federal agency. Prohibits agencies from later opposing permits or licenses based on environmental review if they decline to become a participating agency in the environmental review for a project.
S. 168 Regulatory Responsibility for our Economy Act of 2015 Link	Sen. Pat Roberts (R-KS)	<p>Introduced Jan. 13, 2015</p> <p>Most Recent Action Referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Government Affairs on Jan. 13, 2015</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Imposes requirements for federal agency rulemaking procedures (other than for rules issued under formal rulemaking procedures), including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> consideration of a cost benefit analysis, including by independent regulatory agencies tailoring regulations to have the least burden while maximizing benefits except for emergency rules, providing an opportunity for the public to comment on proposed rules for at least 60 days promoting innovation, flexibility, and objectivity establishing standards for retrospective review of regulations.

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S. 156 Energy Consumers Relief Act of 2015 Link	Sen. Bill Cassidy (R-LA)	Introduced Jan. 13, 2015 Most Recent Action Referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works on Jan. 13, 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For any proposed energy-related rule with an estimated cost of more than \$1B, requires the EPA to (1) submit a report to Congress detailing costs and benefits, including effect on energy prices and employment; and (2) prepare an independent analysis with FERC and the EIA to determine the potential impact on energy supply and prices Prohibits the use of the “social cost of carbon” in calculating the benefits of such a proposed rule.
H.R.4035 Energy Consumers Relief Act of 2015 Link	Rep. Fleming, John (R-LA)	Introduced Nov. 17, 2015 Most Recent Action Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Power on Nov. 20, 2015.	
H.R. 211 REBUILD Act (Reducing Environmental Barriers to Unified Infrastructure and Land Development) Link	Rep. Ken Calvert (R-CA-42)	Introduced Jan. 8, 2015 Most Recent Action Referred to the Natural Resources Committee on Jan. 8, 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allows a federal agency to assign all environmental review responsibilities for a construction project under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 to a state, upon agreement between the state and the agency.
H.R. 185 Regulatory Accountability Act of 2015 Link	Rep. Bob Goodlatte (R-VA-6)	Introduced Jan. 7, 2015 Most Recent Action Passed the House on Jan. 13, 2015; Received in the Senate on Jan. 16, 2015 and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Statement of Administration Policy Jan. 12, 2015 to House Rules	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires agencies to base all preliminary and factual determinations on evidence when making a rule, including assessing reasonable alternatives and potential costs and benefits. Requires agencies to publish advance notice of proposed rulemaking for major and high-impact (annual cost to the economy of \$1B or more) rules, rules with a negative impact on jobs and wage, and rules addressing novel legal or policy issues arising out of statutory mandates. The notice must include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the nature and significance of the problem to be addressed the legal authority for the rule the nature of any novel legal or policy position and the reasons for it a solicitation for written data, views, or arguments Requires formal rulemaking procedures for high-impact rules, unless the required hearing is waived by all participants.

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expands judicial review of agency rulemaking by allowing for immediate review of rulemaking not in compliance with notice requirements. Establishes a substantial evidence standard for affirming agency rulemaking decisions, which requires relevant evidence sufficient for a reasonable mind to accept as adequate to support a conclusion.
S.86 Small Business Paperwork Relief Act of 2015 Link	Sen. Vitter, David ((R-LA))	Introduced Jan. 7, 2015 Latest Action: Referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs on Jan. 07, 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amends the Paperwork Reduction Act to direct agency heads not to impose civil fines for first-time paperwork violations by small businesses unless certain conditions met. Permits an agency to determine that a fine should not be imposed for a violation that presents a danger to public health or safety if the violation is corrected within 24 hours after receipt by the small business owner of notification of the violation.
H.R. 183 Federal Sunset Act of 2015 Link	Rep. Richard Hudson (R-NC-8)	Introduced Jan. 7, 2015 Most Recent Action Referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform on Jan. 7, 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Creates the Federal Agency Sunset Commission, whose purpose will be to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review all federal agencies on a scheduled basis to determine the efficiency of operation and degree of public need. Make recommendations as to whether each agency should be abolished, reorganized, or consolidated with another agency. The Commission will be composed of members from the House and the Senate.
S. 11 ENFORCE the Law Act of 2015 Link	Sen. Roy Blunt (R-MO)	Introduced Jan. 6, 2015 Most Recent Action Referred to the Judiciary Committee on Jan. 6, 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prohibits any officer or employee of the United States from implementing a formal or informal policy to refrain from enforcing, applying, following, or administering any Federal statute, rule, or regulation. Authorizes either House of Congress to bring a civil action if the statute is violated.
H.R. 104 Cyber Privacy Fortification Act of 2015 Link	Rep. John Conyers, Jr. (D-MI-13)	Introduced Jan. 6, 2015 Most Recent Action Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations on Jan. 22, 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In relevant part, requires federal agencies to include privacy impact assessments in proposed and final agency rules. Allows the requirement to be waived for emergency and national security reasons. Requires periodic review of promulgated rules with a significant privacy impact to determine whether the effect can be minimized.

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H.R. 161 Natural Gas Pipeline Permitting Reform Act Link	Rep. Mike Pompeo (R-KS-4)	<p>Introduced Jan. 6, 2015</p> <p>Most Recent Action Passed the House on Jan. 21, 2015; Received in the Senate on Jan. 22, 2015</p> <p>Committee Reports Rule Committee Bill Consideration Report</p> <p>Statement of Administration Policy Jan. 20, 2015 to House Rules</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires the FERC to approve or deny any certificate of public convenience and necessity for natural gas pipeline projects within 12 months of receiving a complete application. Requires other agencies to approve or deny licenses or permits for such projects within 90 days of receiving the final FERC environmental document for the project.
H.R. 116 Small Business Freedom of Commerce Act of 2015 Link	Rep. Scott Garrett (R-NJ-5)	<p>Introduced Jan. 6, 2015</p> <p>Most Recent Action Referred to the Committee on Small Business on Jan. 6, 2015</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allows small businesses to choose to opt out of any federal rule or regulation that went into effect on or after Jan. 20, 2009. Requires small businesses to communicate to customers that it is not subject to any regulation that was opted out of.
H.R. 113 Federal Reserve Accountability and Transparency Act of 2015 Link	Rep. Scott Garrett (R-NJ-5)	<p>Introduced Jan. 6, 2015</p> <p>Most Recent Action Referred to the Financial Services Committee on Jan. 6, 2015</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires the Federal Reserve to conduct a cost benefit analysis of regulatory alternatives and choose the approach that maximizes net benefits. Requires a post-adoption impact assessment for any major rule. Requires the Federal Reserve to issue regulations for nonbank financial company stress test conditions.
H.R. 37 Promoting Job Creation and Reducing Small Business Burdens Act Link	Rep. Michael G. Fitzpatrick (R-PA-8)	<p>Introduced Jan. 5, 2015</p> <p>Most Recent Action Passed the House on Jan. 14, 2015; Received in the Senate on Jan. 16, 2015 and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs</p> <p>Committee Reports Rules Committee Bill Consideration Report</p> <p>Statement of Administration Policy</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In relevant part, requires the SEC to revise current regulations to reduce the burden on small issuers while still providing all material information to investors. Requires the SEC to eliminate duplicative, overlapping, outdated, or unnecessary provisions in regulation S-K.

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REGULATORY REFORM LEGISLATION

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S. 3011 SCRUB Act of 2014 Link	Sen. Orrin G. Hatch (R-UT)	Introduced Dec. 12, 2014 Most Recent Action Referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs on Dec. 12, 2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Creates a commission to review the CFR for rules that impose too high a cost on the economy based on certain defined criteria. Requires agencies to offset the economic cost of a new rule by repealing an existing rule.
H.R. 4874 SCRUB Act of 2014 (Searching for and Cutting Regulations that are Unnecessarily Burdensome) Link	Rep. Jason T. Smith (R-MO-8)	Introduced June 17, 2014 Most Recent Action Reported on by the Judiciary Committee on Dec. 12, 2014 Committee Reports Judiciary Committee	
S. 2988 Regulatory Cost Assessment Act of 2014 Link	Sen. Mike Lee (R-UT)	Introduced Dec. 8, 2014 Most Recent Action Referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Government Affairs on Dec. 8, 2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires agencies to either 1) follow notice and comment procedures or 2) file a detailed report with Congress before issuing a “guidance document” rather than a rule. Requires agencies to conduct detailed cost-benefit analyses for significant alternatives to proposed rules.
H.R. 5801 Providing Accountability Through Transparency Act of 2014 Link	Rep. Blaine Luetkemeyer (R-MO-3)	Introduced Dec. 4, 2014 Most Recent Action Referred to the Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial and Antitrust Law on Dec. 18, 2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires a 100 word plain language explanation of any proposed rule on regulations.gov.
S. 2931 Unfunded Mandates Accountability Act of 2014 Link	Sen. Rob Portman (R-OH)	Introduced Nov. 17, 2014 Most Recent Action Referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs on Nov. 17, 2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amends the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 to provide for regulatory impact analyses for certain rules and consideration of the least burdensome regulatory alternative. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires any rule that will have a \$100M annual impact on the economy to be accompanied by a regulatory impact analysis report. The report must contain:

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H.R. 4655 Unfunded Mandates Accountability Act of 2013 ((sic)) Link	Rep. Kevin Yoder (R-KS-3)	<p>Introduced May 9, 2014</p> <p>Most Recent Action Referred to the Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial and Antitrust Law on Jul. 21, 2014</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • benefits and costs of the proposed rule • benefits and costs of alternatives to the rule • areas of country where the rule will have a disproportionate impact • a statement of whether there was any communication between state representatives and agency rule makers.
H.R. 899 Unfunded Mandates Information and Transparency Act of 2014 Link	Rep. Virginia Foxx (R-NC-5)	<p>Introduced Feb. 28, 2013</p> <p>Most Recent Action Passed the House on Feb. 28, 2014; Received in the Senate on Mar. 4, 2014</p> <p>Committee Reports <i>Oversight and Government Reform Committee</i></p> <p><i>Rules Committee Bill Consideration Report</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extends reporting requirements under the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 to independent regulatory agencies, except for the Federal Reserve and the Federal Open Market Committee. • Amends the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 to require agencies (not including independent regulatory agencies) to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify the problem to be addressed and its significance • Determine whether the problem was created or contributed to by existing regulation, and whether such regulation should be modified instead of creating a new one • Assess whether incentives could be used to encourage desired behaviors, rather than imposing direct regulation • Design regulations in the most cost-effective manner to achieve the objective • Propose or adopt regulation only upon a reasoned determination that the benefits justify the cost • Base decisions on the best scientific, technical, and economic information reasonable available • Identify and assess alternative options • Avoid inconsistent and duplicative regulations, both internally and for those of other agencies • Minimize cumulative costs of regulation • Minimize uncertainty by drafting regulations to be easy to understand. • For rules with an annual aggregate effect of \$100M or more, requires agencies to prepare a written statement saying: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The reason for the rule and an explanation of how the rule addresses the identified need • An assessment of the costs and benefits, including how the rule is consistent with statutory requirements and does not unduly interfere with state, local, and tribal governments • Estimates of future compliance costs and any anticipated disproportionate effects on particular regions, states, or segments of the private sector

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A description of the extent of prior consultation with private sector and state, local, and tribal governments. • Requires consultations with state, local, and tribal governments as early as possible before issuing a notice of proposed rulemaking, including providing an estimate of costs and benefits to assist in the consultations. • Requires agencies to conduct a retrospective analysis of existing regulations if requested by the chairman or ranking minority member of any House or Senate committee.
S. 2814 National Labor Relations Board Reform Act of 2014 Link	Sen. Lamar Alexander (R-TN)	<p>Introduced Sept. 16, 2014</p> <p>Most Recent Action Referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions on Sept. 16, 2014.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reforms the NLRB by adding a sixth member appointed by the President with the advice and consent of the Senate, but only after consultation with the leaders of the opposition party. • Requires each major political party to have an equal number of members on the board. • Requires the board to issue a final order on appeals of an administrative law judge within one year and imposes decreased appropriations if the board does not meet a 90% issuance rate within two years of enactment.
S. 2829 Financial Regulatory Clarity Act of 2014 Link	Sen. Roger Wicker (R-MS)	<p>Introduced Sept. 16, 2014</p> <p>Most Recent Action Referred to Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs on Sept. 16, 2014</p>	
H.R. 4466 Financial Regulatory Clarify Act of 2014 Link	Rep. Shelley Capito (R-WV-2)	<p>Introduced Apr. 10, 2014</p> <p>Most Recent Action Ordered to be Reported on May 22, 2014</p> <p>Committee Reports House Financial Services 2014 Activity Report</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requires financial regulators to determine whether new regulations or orders are duplicative or inconsistent with existing Federal regulations.
S. 2747 Small Business Regulatory Sunset Act of 2014 Link	Sen. Mark Kirk (R-IL)	<p>Introduced Jul. 31, 2014</p> <p>Most Recent Action Referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs on Jul. 31, 2014</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requires review of existing rules having a significant economic impact on small entities. • Imposes a 7-year sunset provision on covered rules unless renewed by the agency using the notice and comment rulemaking process.

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H.R. 5184 National Regulatory Budget Act of 2014 Link	Rep. Steve Scalise (R-LA-1)	Introduced Jul. 24, 2014 Most Recent Action Referred to the Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial and Antitrust Law on Sept. 26, 2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Creates a new independent executive branch agency, the Office of Regulatory Analysis. The agency will be required: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> to publish a regulatory analysis for proposed rules with an annual economic impact in excess of \$25 million. to create a “regulatory budget” for agencies. Agencies will be prevented from promulgating new rules if their regulatory budget is surpassed. *Note – the bills do not contain any required interaction with OIRA.
S. 2153 National Regulatory Budget Act of 2014 Link	Sen. Marco Rubio (R-FL)	Introduced Mar. 25, 2014 Most Recent Action Referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs on Mar. 25, 2014	
H. Amdt. 1114 (Amends H.R. 3136) Link	Rep. Trey Gowdy (R-SC-4)	Offered: Jul. 23, 2014 Most Recent Action Agreed to by voice vote on Jul. 23, 2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In relevant part, creates a Regulatory Reform Task Force to make recommendations to reduce unnecessary higher education regulations.
H.R. 3136 Advancing Competency- Based Education Demonstration Project Act of 2014 Link	Rep. Matt Salmon (R-AZ-5)	Introduced Sept. 19, 2013 Most Recent Action Passed the House on Jul. 23, 2014. Received in the Senate on Jul. 24, 2014 Committee Reports Rules Committee Bill Consideration Report	
H.R. 5034 Stop the EPA Act of 2014 Link	Rep. Sam Graves (R-MO-6)	Introduced Jul. 9, 2014 Most Recent Action Referred to the Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial and Antitrust Law on Sept. 2, 2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires the EPA to submit a report to Congress detailing all rules (major and nonmajor) to take effect. The report will include information such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Classification of the rule as major or nonmajor. A list of any other related regulatory actions that have occurred or are planned to occur. Requires Congress to pass a joint resolution before any major rule promulgated by the EPA can take effect. If Congress does not pass a joint resolution, the rule cannot be considered again by the same Congress.
H.R. 4646	Rep. Patrick Murphy	Introduced May 9, 2014	

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Regulatory Improvement Act of 2014 Link	(D-FL-18)	Most Recent Action Referred to House Rules Committee on May 9, 2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Creates a commission tasked with reviewing regulations finalized “not later than 10 years before the date on which the Commission is established” and writing a report to recommend which should be repealed or amended. Once the commission’s report is complete, requires the House and Senate to introduce the recommended changes to their respective floors. Prohibits amendment to the commission bill by either the House or the Senate. Requires affected agencies to enact changes within 180 days for any commission bill that is passed by Congress.
S. 1390 Regulatory Improvement Act of 2013 Link	Sen. Angus S. King, Jr. (I-ME)	Introduced Jul. 30, 2013 Most Recent Action Hearing in the Senate Homeland Security and Government Affairs Subcommittee on Mar. 11, 2014	
S. 2099 Sound Regulation Act of 2014 Link	Sen. Daniel Coats (R-IN)	Introduced Mar. 10, 2014 Most Recent Action Referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Government Affairs on Mar. 10, 2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Creates additional cost-benefit analysis requirements for agency rulemaking and impose compliance auditing requirements Requires a minimum of three regulatory options to be considered when addressing a regulatory objective. Requires agencies to conduct a review every four years of all of their respective regulations in effect to determine whether rules: (1) work as intended; (2) further intended objectives; (3) impose unanticipated costs; and (4) generate net benefit.
H.R. 3863 Sound Regulation Act of 2014 Link	Rep. Kevin Brady (R-TX-8)	Introduced Jan. 14, 2014 Most Recent Action Referred to the Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial And Antitrust Law on Mar. 20, 2014	
S. 1730 CURB Act (Clearing Unnecessary Regulatory Burdens) Link	Sen. Susan Collins (R-ME)	Introduced Nov. 19, 2013 Most Recent Action Referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Government Affairs on Nov. 19, 2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For each significant regulatory action, each agency shall <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submit a report to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs that includes an assessment, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the underlying analysis, of benefits anticipated, a quantification of the benefits, costs anticipated, a quantification of the costs assessed, costs and benefits of potentially effective and reasonably feasible alternatives. Develop or have written procedures for the approval of significant guidance documents. Maintain on its website a list of such documents in effect and establish and advertise on its website a means for the public to electronically submit comments.

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Publish a notice in the Federal Register announcing that a draft of an economically significant guidance document is available
H.R. 3341 VALUE Act of 2013 Link	Rep. Jack Kingston (R-GA-1)	<p>Introduced Oct. 24, 2013</p> <p>Most Recent Action Referred to the Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial and Antitrust Law on Jan. 9, 2014</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> When promulgating a rule, requires federal agencies to (1) clearly identify the problem intended to be addressed by the rule; (2) provide a cost/benefit analysis; and (3) identify and analyze alternatives. Requires OMB to review all agency rules every five years and perform a cost/benefit analysis. The results of the review would be reported to the head of the agency.
H.R. 2997 One In, Two Out Act Link	Rep. Michael T. McCaul (R-TX-10)	<p>Introduced Aug. 2, 2013</p> <p>Most Recent Action Referred to the Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial and Antitrust Law on Sept. 13, 2013</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prohibits agencies from issuing a major rule unless it has repealed two or more major rules that are related to the proposed rule. Requires rules to be repealed to be published in the Federal Register. However, the requirement would not apply to proposed rules that would make current regulations less burdensome.
H.R. 2804 ALERRT Act of 2014 (Achieving Less Excess in Regulation and Requiring Transparency) Link	Rep. George Holding (R-NC-13)	<p>Introduced Jul. 24, 2013</p> <p>Most Recent Action Passed the House on Feb. 27, 2014; Received in the Senate on March 4, 2014</p> <p>Committee Reports Committee on Oversight and Government Reform pt. 1 Committee on Oversight and Government Reform pt. 2 Rule Committee Bill Consideration Report</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On a monthly basis, requires agency heads to submit to OIRA a report containing the following on rules expected to be proposed or finalized that year: (1) summary of the rule; (2) objectives and legal basis; (3) current stage of rulemaking; (4) whether the rule is subject to periodic review; and (5) estimates of costs and economic effect. Upon receiving report, OIRA shall make it available to the public. OIRA Administrator should state whether an agency did a cost-benefit analysis before passing a law. Where public notice on the Internet is required, no rule can become effective until required information has been available for at least 6 months. In rulemaking, an agency must state: (1) the legal authority for rule; (2) what problem the rule is addressing and the extent of the problem; (3) whether existing rules have exacerbated the problem; (4) alternatives to the proposed rule; (5) what the effect would be without any rule; and (6) potential local response without any rule. Before passing any significant rule, the agency must conduct a public hearing. Agencies must periodically review rules issued by agencies to determine whether some rules should be continued. The findings of the review should be sent to OIRA who will then make it public.
H.R. 2593 Cost-Benefit and Regulatory	Rep. Duncan D. Hunter (R-CA-50)	<p>Introduced June 28, 2013</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires agencies to provide Congress with a report for proposed rules containing a cost-benefit analysis and a description of the methods used in conducting the analysis.

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Transparency Enhancement Act of 2013 Link		<p>Most Recent Action Referred to the Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial and Antitrust Law on Jul. 15, 2013</p>	
H.R. 2542 Regulatory Flexibility Improvements Act of 2013 Link	Rep. Spencer Bachus (R-AL-6)	<p>Introduced June 27, 2013</p> <p>Most Recent Action Placed on the Union Calendar on Dec. 11, 2013</p> <p>Committee Reports Judiciary Committee Small Business Committee</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requires regulatory flexibility analyses describing alternatives to proposed rules that would minimize adverse significant economic impact, or maximize beneficial significant economic impact, on small entities. • Makes the Regulatory Flexibility Improvements Act of 1980 applicable to all interpretive rules involving a recordkeeping requirement under internal revenue laws. • Requires agencies to provide advance notice to the Small Business Association's Chief Counsel of proposed rules, including the materials used to prepare the proposed rules and information on the potential economic impact on small businesses.
S. 1173 Independent Agency Regulatory Analysis Act of 2013 Link	Sen. Rob Portman (R-OH)	<p>Introduced June 18, 2013</p> <p>Most Recent Action Referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Government Affairs on June 18, 2013</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Authorizes the President to require independent regulatory agencies to <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • comply with regulatory analysis requirements applicable to other federal agencies; • provide the Administrator of OIRA with an assessment of the costs and benefits of a proposed or final economically significant rule; • submit any significant rule to the Administrator for review. • Prohibits judicial review of compliance with the Act.
H.R. 2218 Coal Residuals Reuse and Management Act of 2013 Link	Rep. David B. McKinley (R-WV-1)	<p>Introduced June 3, 2013</p> <p>Most Recent Action Passed the House on Jul. 23, 2013; Received in the Senate Jul. 30, 2013. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 153.</p> <p>Committee Reports House Energy and Commerce Committee Rules Committee Bill Consideration Report</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amends the Solid Waste Disposal Act (SWDA) to authorize each State to adopt and implement a coal combustion residuals permit program. • The head of the lead State implementing agency (as designated by the state) shall submit to the EPA a certification that includes identification of any other State agencies involved with the implementation, description how the State will ensure that the coal combustion residuals permit program meets requirements. • The revised criteria described are criteria for design, groundwater monitoring, corrective action, closure, and post-closure, for structures, location restrictions, criteria for air quality, financial assurance, surface water, and recordkeeping, landfills and other land-based units, and surface impoundments. • If the EPA determines that a State determination under this paragraph does not accurately reflect the needs for the management of coal combustion residuals in the State, the EPA may treat such State determination as a deficiency. Uncorrected deficiencies may result in implementation of a permit program by the EPA, rather than by the State.

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<p>S. 1029 Regulatory Accountability Act of 2013 Link</p>	<p>Sen. Rob Portman (R-OH)</p>	<p>Introduced May 23, 2013</p> <p>Most Recent Action Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Subcommittee on the Efficiency and Effectiveness of Federal Programs and the Federal Workforce. Hearings held on Mar. 11, 2014.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires agencies to base all preliminary and factual determinations on evidence when making a rule, including assessing reasonable alternatives and potential costs and benefits. Requires agencies to publish advance notice of proposed rulemaking for major and high-impact (annual cost to the economy of \$1B or more) rules, rules with a negative impact on jobs and wage, and rules addressing novel legal or policy issues arising out of statutory mandates. The notice must include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the nature and significance of the problem to be addressed the legal authority for the rule the nature of any novel legal or policy position and the reasons for it a solicitation for written data, views, or arguments Requires formal rulemaking procedures for high-impact rules, unless the required hearing is waived by all participants. Expands judicial review of agency rulemaking by allowing for immediate review of rulemaking not in compliance with notice requirements. Establishes a substantial evidence standard for affirming agency rulemaking decisions, which requires relevant evidence sufficient for a reasonable mind to accept as adequate to support a conclusion.
<p>H.R. 2122 Regulatory Accountability Act of 2013 Link</p>	<p>Rep. Bob Goodlatte (R-VA-6)</p>	<p>Introduced May 23, 2013</p> <p>Most Recent Action Placed on the Union Calendar on Sept. 28, 2013</p> <p>Committee Reports <i>Judiciary Committee</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires agencies to use plain writing, as defined by guidance to be developed by OMB, when promulgating rules. To ensure plain writing is used, requires the designation of a senior official to oversee implementation of the requirements and publication of annual reports.
<p>S. 807 Plain Writing Act for Regulations of 2013 Link</p>	<p>Sen. Claire McCaskill (D-MO)</p>	<p>Introduced Apr. 24, 2013</p> <p>Most Recent Action Referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs on Apr. 24, 2013</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires agencies to use plain writing, as defined by guidance to be developed by OMB, when promulgating rules. To ensure plain writing is used, requires the designation of a senior official to oversee implementation of the requirements and publication of annual reports.
<p>H.R. 1557 Plain Regulations Act of 2013 Link</p>	<p>Rep. Bruce L. Braley (D-IA-1)</p>	<p>Introduced Apr. 15, 2013</p> <p>Most Recent Action Referred to the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee on Apr. 15, 2013</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires agencies to identify and quantify (or describe why it is not possible to do so) all costs associated with a proposed economically significant regulation prior to finalization.
<p>S. 786 Restoring Honesty for our Economy Act Link</p>	<p>Sen. Pat Roberts (R-KS)</p>	<p>Introduced Apr. 23, 2013</p> <p>Most Recent Action</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires agencies to identify and quantify (or describe why it is not possible to do so) all costs associated with a proposed economically significant regulation prior to finalization.

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H.R. 1493 Sunshine for Regulatory Decrees and Settlements Act of 2013 Link	Rep. Doug Collins (R-GA-9)	Introduced Apr. 11, 2013 Most Recent Action Placed on the Union Calendar on Sep. 26, 2013 Committee Reports <i>Judiciary Committee</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Require agencies being sued in a civil action to publish the notice of intent to sue and complaint. • Requires agencies to publish in the Federal Register covered consent decrees and settlement agreements, and requires the agency to accept public comments.
H.R. 1287 Sound Science Act of 2013 Link	Rep. Stephen Lee Fincher (R-TN-8)	Introduced Mar. 20, 2013 Most Recent Action Referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform on Mar. 20, 2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requires federal agencies to have guidelines ensuring the quality, objectivity, utility and integrity of scientific information relied on to make policy decisions.
H.R. 309 Regulatory Sunset and Review Act Link	Rep. Randy Hultgren (R-IL-14)	Introduced Jan. 13, 2013 Most Recent Action Referred to the Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial and Antitrust Law on Feb. 28, 2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requires agencies to periodically review major and/or significant rules and amend, consolidate, or terminate the rules if appropriate. • In reviewing rules, requires agencies to solicit comments regarding: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Direct and indirect costs of the rule • Whether the rule or any subsection of the rule is outdated or obsolete due to changes in technology or the marketplace • To what degree the rule duplicated or conflicted with rules of other agencies • A comparison of the perceived and actual risks addressed by a rule concerning health, safety, or the environment • The effect of a rule on domestic or international competition or other free market forces • Whether the rule imposed unfunded mandates on state and local governments • Whether a compliance with a rule required substantial capital investment, and whether termination would put those not in compliance at an unfair advantage • Whether a rule was the least cost method for achieving its goal, and whether it provided flexibility to those subject to the rule • Whether the rule was worded simply and clearly • Any unintended negative consequences • Whether information requirements could be reduced

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="1136 212 1482 237">• Positive benefits of the rule.

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H.R. 6333 Sunset Act of 2012 Link	Rep. Steve King (R-IA-5)	Introduced Aug. 2, 2012 Most Recent Action Referred to the Subcommittee on Courts, Commercial and Administrative Law on Sep. 7, 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Every three months, each agency must submit to Congress a report including each rule the agency promulgated during the covered period. • No rule can be implemented unless Congress enacts a joint resolution approving the regulation. • Excludes rules related to rules (1) approving future rates, wages, prices, services, or allowances; (2) relating to agency management or personnel; or (3) relating to agency organization, procedure, or practice.
S. 3468 Independent Regulatory Analysis Act of 2012 Link	Sen. Rob Portman (R-OH)	Introduced Aug. 1, 2012 Most Recent Action Referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Government Affairs on Aug. 1, 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Authorizes the President to require independent regulatory agencies to <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • comply with regulatory analysis requirements applicable to other federal agencies • provide the Administrator of OIRA with an assessment of the costs and benefits of a proposed or final significant rule • submit to the Administrator for review any proposed or final significant rule.
S. 2368 Midnight Rule Relief Act of 2012 Link	Sen. Ron Johnson (R-WI)	Introduced Apr. 25, 2012 Most Recent Action Referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs on April 25, 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prohibits an agency from proposing or finalizing any midnight rule that OIRA finds is significant or major. • Exempts emergency rules or rules repealing existing rules.
H.R. 4607 Midnight Rule Review Act of 2012 Link	Rep. Reid J. Ribble (R-WI-8)	Introduced Apr. 24, 2012 Most Recent Action Placed on the Union Calendar on June 1, 2012 Committee Reports Committee on Oversight and Government Reform	
H.R. 4116 Regulatory Accountability and Economic Freedom Act of 2012 Link	Rep. Tom Latham (R-IA-4)	Introduced Mar. 1, 2012 Most Recent Action Referred to Subcommittee on Courts, Commercial and Administrative Law on Mar. 6, 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For each rule expected to be proposed or finalized during the year, the agency heads must summarize the rule and explain objectives of the rule; relative cost of the rule and the economic effect of the rule. • Major rules will not take effect unless Congress enacts a joint resolution approving the rule.

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Act would also establish the Red Tape Reduction Commission. Commissioner is tasked with reviewing current regulations and proposing less burdensome ones.
H.R. 4078 Red Tape Reduction and Small Business Job Creation Act Link	Rep. Tim Griffin (R-AR-2)	<p>Introduced Feb. 17, 2012</p> <p>Most Recent Action Passed the House on Jul. 26, 2012; Received in the Senate on Jul. 30, 2012 Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders Calendar No. 477, on Jul. 31, 2012.</p> <p>Committee Reports <i>Judiciary Committee</i> <i>Committee on Oversight and Government Reform</i> <i>Rules Committee Bill Consideration Report</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consolidates several different bills into a single bill with multiple titles as described below. Regulatory Freeze for Jobs Act of 2012 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> An agency may take a significant regulatory action only in accordance with Act during a prescribed period. Presidential and congressional waivers are available. Midnight Rule Relief Act of 2012 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Except as provided in this Act, an agency may not propose or finalize any midnight rule that the Administrator of the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs of the Office of Management and Budget finds is likely to result in an annual cost to the economy of \$50,000,000 or more. Sunshine for Regulatory Decrees and Settlements Act of 2012 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The complaint in the action, the consent decree, or settlement agreement; the statutory basis for the consent decree or settlement agreement and its terms; and any award of attorneys' fees or costs shall be published, including electronically, in a readily accessible manner by the defendant agency. The defendant agency shall publish in the Federal Register and by electronic means, any proposed consent decree, or settlement agreement for no fewer than 60 days of public comment before filing it with the court. The court shall include in the judicial record the full administrative record. The defendant agency may hold a public hearing. Each agency shall submit an annual report to Congress on the number, identity, and content of complaints, consent decrees, and settlement agreement for that year. Unfunded Mandates Information and Transparency Act of 2012 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Congressional Budget Act of 1974 amended to include independent regulatory agencies. At the request of any Chairman, the Director shall conduct an assessment comparing the authorized level of funding in a bill or resolution to the prospective costs of carrying out any changes. Responsibly and Professionally Invigorating Development Act of 2012 (RAPID)

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not more than one environmental impact statement and one environmental assessment shall be prepared under NEPA for a project. • Allows the agency responsible for preparing the environmental document(s) (the lead agency) to request that the project sponsor prepare any document required to support the environmental review, so long as the lead agency provides oversight and independent evaluation of the furnished documents. • The lead agency shall prepare and publish a supplement to any document adopted from a project completed under state law if the lead agency determines that a significant change has been made to the project, or there have been significant changes in circumstances or availability of information.
S. 1938 Regulatory Flexibility Improvements Act of 2011 Link	Sen. Olympia J. Snowe (R-ME)	Introduced Dec. 1, 2011 Most Recent Action Referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs on Dec. 1, 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requires agencies to prominently display a plain language summary of the information contained in the regulatory flexibility agenda. • Requires a complete analysis of rules to determine the potential impacts on small entities. • Each initial regulatory flexibility analysis required shall provide: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reasons why action is being considered; objectives; projected reporting, recordkeeping, and other compliance requirements of the proposed rule; the additional cumulative economic impact of the proposed rule; any disproportionate economic impact on small entities or a specific class of small entities. • The Small Business Administration shall, after opportunity for notice and comment, issue rules governing agency compliance.
H.R. 527 Regulatory Flexibility Improvements Act of 2011 Link	Rep. Lamar Smith (R-TX-21)	Introduced Feb. 8, 2011 Most Recent Action Passed the House on Dec. 1, 2011; Received in the Senate on Dec. 5, 2011 Committee Reports Judiciary Committee #1 Judiciary Committee #2 Judiciary Committee #3 Small Business Committee Rules Committee Bill Consideration Report	
H.R. 3309 FCC Process Reform Act of 2012 Link	Rep. Greg Walden (R-OR-2)	Introduced Nov. 2, 2011 Most Recent Action Passed the House on March 27, 2012; Received in the Senate on March 28, 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amends the Communications Act of 1934. • The Commission may not issue a notice of proposed rulemaking unless the Commission provides for a period of not less than 30 days for the submission of comments and an additional period of not less than 30 days for the submission of reply comments on such notice. • The notice of proposed rulemaking is required to include:

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		Committee Reports <i>Energy and Commerce Committee</i> <i>Rules Committee Bill Consideration Report</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any prior notice or court ruling in the past three years from which the proposed rulemaking is a logical outgrowth A finding that the proposed rule or the proposed amendment of an existing rule will not impose additional burdens on industry or consumers.
H.R. 3010 Regulatory Accountability Act of 2011 Link	Rep. Lamar Smith (R-TX-21)	Introduced Sept. 22, 2011 Most Recent Action Passed the House on Dec. 2, 2011; Received in the Senate on Dec. 5, 2011 Committee Reports <i>Judiciary Committee</i> <i>Rules Committee Bill Consideration Report</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires agencies to base all preliminary and factual determinations on evidence when making a rule, including assessing reasonable alternatives and potential costs and benefits. Requires agencies to publish advance notice of proposed rulemaking for major and high-impact (annual cost to the economy of \$1B or more) rules, rules with a negative impact on jobs and wage, and rules addressing novel legal or policy issues arising out of statutory mandates. The notice must include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the nature and significance of the problem to be addressed the legal authority for the rule the nature of any novel legal or policy position and the reasons for it a solicitation for written data, views, or arguments Requires formal rulemaking procedures for high-impact rules, unless the required hearing is waived by all participants. Expands judicial review of agency rulemaking by allowing for immediate review of rulemaking not in compliance with notice requirements. Establishes a substantial evidence standard for affirming agency rulemaking decisions, which requires relevant evidence sufficient for a reasonable mind to accept as adequate to support a conclusion.
S. 1606 Regulatory Accountability Act of 2011 Link	Sen. Rob Portman (R-OH)	Introduced Sept. 22, 2011 Most Recent Action Referred to the committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs on Sept. 22, 2011	
H.R. 2964 Unfunded Mandates Accountability Act of 2011 Link	Rep. Kevin Yoder (R-KS-3)	Introduced Sept. 15, 2011 Most Recent Action Referred to the Subcommittee on Technology, Information Policy, Intergovernmental Relations and Procurement Reform on Oct. 3, 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amends the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995. Requires regulatory impact analysis for rules that do not involve legislative mandate. Requires federal agencies to prepare and publish in the Federal Register an initial and final regulatory impact analysis prior to promulgating any proposed or final rule that may have an annual effect on the economy of \$100 million or more or that may result in the expenditure of \$100 million or more. Amends the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974 to require independent regulatory agencies to conduct regulatory impact analyses.
S. 1189 Unfunded Mandates Accountability Act of 2011 Link	Sen. Rob Portman (R-OH)	Introduced June 14, 2011 Most Recent Action	

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S. 1538 Regulatory Time-Out Act of 2011 Link	Sen. Susan M. Collins (R-ME)	Introduced Sept. 12, 2011 Most Recent Action Referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs on Sept. 12, 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suspends the effective date of certain covered regulations for one-year • Defines a "covered regulation" as a final regulation that did not take effect before September 1, 2011, that increases costs on businesses in a manner that will have an adverse effect on job creation, job retention, productivity, competitiveness.
H.R. 2681 Cement Sector Regulatory Relief Act of 2011 Link	Rep. John Sullivan (R-OK-1)	Introduced July 28, 2011 Most Recent Action Passed the House on Oct. 6, 2011; Received in the Senate on Oct. 11, 2011. Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders, Calendar No. 192, on Oct. 12, 2011. Committee Reports Energy and Commerce Committee Rules Committee Bill Consideration Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Administrator of the EPA proposes regulations for the Portland cement manufacturing industry and Portland cement plants establishing maximum achievable control technology standards, performance standards, and other requirements, identifying non-hazardous secondary materials. • The Administrator shall establish a date for compliance with standards and requirements under such regulation. • The Administrator shall ensure that emissions standards for existing and new sources can be met under actual operating conditions consistently and concurrently with emission standards for all other air pollutants regulated by the rule for the source category. • For each regulation promulgated, from among the range of regulatory alternatives, the Administrator shall impose the least burdensome.
H.R. 2587 Protecting Jobs from Government Interference Act Link	Rep. Tim Scott (R-SC-1)	Introduced July 19, 2011 Most Recent Action Passed the House on Sept. 15, 2011; Received in the Senate on Sept. 15, 2011 Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders, Calendar No. 173, on Sept. 16, 2011. Committee Reports Education and Workforce Committee Rules Committee Bill Consideration Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amends the National Labor Relations Act so that the Board shall not have power to order an employer to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Restore or reinstate any work, product, production line, or equipment • Rescind any relocation, transfer, subcontract or outsourcing • Make an initial or additional investment at a particular plant or facility.
S. 1338 Regulatory Capture	Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI)	Introduced Jul. 7, 2011 Most Recent Action	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establishes the Office of Regulatory Integrity within the Office of Management and Budget. • The Administrator shall investigate and report on the influence of concentrated economic interests on Federal agencies

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Prevention Act of 2011 Link		Hearings held by the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs on Jul. 20, 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Administrator shall develop, in consultation with the Administrative Conference of the United States, written guidance describing the most pervasive threats to regulatory integrity and the factors that primarily inform the exercise of the Administrator's investigatory discretion.
H.R. 2308 SEC Regulatory Accountability Act Link	Rep. Scott Garrett (R-NJ-5)	<p>Introduced June 23, 2011</p> <p>Most Recent Action Placed on the Union Calendar on Apr. 25, 2012</p> <p>Committee Reports <i>Financial Services Committee</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amends the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to direct the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), before issuing a regulation to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> clearly identify the nature and source of the problem utilize the Chief Economist to assess the costs and benefits identify and assess available alternatives ensure that any regulation is accessible, consistent, written in plain language, and easy to understand. Requires the SEC to take into consideration the investor choice, market liquidity in the securities markets, and effect on small businesses.
H.R. 2250 EPA Regulatory Relief Act of 2011 Link	Rep. H. Morgan Griffith (R-VA-9)	<p>Introduced June 21, 2011</p> <p>Most Recent Action Passed the House on Oct. 13, 2011; Received in the Senate Oct. 17, 2011; Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders, Calendar No. 201, on Oct. 18, 2011.</p> <p>Committee Reports <i>Energy and Commerce Committee</i> <i>Rules Committee Bill Consideration Report</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires the EPA to propose rules to establish maximum achievable control technology standards and performance standards for <ul style="list-style-type: none"> industrial, commercial, and institutional boilers and process heaters; commercial and industrial solid waste incinerator units. Requires that emissions standards for existing and new sources can be met under actual operating conditions consistently and concurrently with emission standards for all other air pollutants regulated by the rule for the source category. Requires adoption of the least burdensome from among the range of regulatory alternatives.
S. 1030 Freedom from Restrictive Excessive Executive Demands and Onerous Mandates Act of 2011 Link	Sen. Olympia J. Snowe (R-ME)	<p>Introduced May 19, 2011</p> <p>Most Recent Action Hearing held by the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs on Jul. 20, 2011</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amends the Regulatory Flexibility Act (RFA) to revise the regulatory process (rulemaking) for small entities. Expands judicial review of agency rulemaking to permit small entities to seek judicial review of initial regulatory flexibility analyses and to obtain an injunction of a proposed rule that is noncompliant with RFA requirements. Requires each agency to establish a plan for review every nine years. Requires each agency to periodically review the civil penalties it imposes on small entities for violations of statutory or regulatory requirement.
H.R. 1840 To Improve Consideration	Rep. Michael K. Conaway (R-TX-11)	<p>Introduced May 11, 2011</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amends the Commodity Exchange Act to require the CFTC to <ul style="list-style-type: none"> assess the costs and benefits before promulgating a regulation;

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by the CFTC of the Costs and Benefits of its Regulations and Orders Link		<p>Most Recent Action Placed on Union Calendar on May 16, 2012</p> <p>Committee Reports <i>Committee on Agriculture</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> propose or adopt a regulation only on a reasoned determination that the benefits of the intended regulation justify the costs; and measure and seek to improve the actual results of regulatory requirements.
H.R. 1633 Farm Dust Regulation Prevention Act of 2011 Link	Rep. Kristi L. Noem (R-SD-At Large)	<p>Introduced Apr. 15, 2011</p> <p>Most Recent Action Passed the House on Dec. 8, 2011; Received in the Senate on Dec. 12, 2011; Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders, Calendar No. 256, on Dec. 13, 2011.</p> <p>Committee Reports <i>Committee on Energy and Commerce</i> <i>Rules Committee Bill Consideration Report</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prohibits the EPA from proposing, finalizing, implementing or enforcing any regulation revising the national primary ambient air quality standard or the national secondary ambient air quality standard applicable to particulate matter with an aerodynamic diameter greater than 2.5 micrometers. Does not apply where nuisance dust is not regulated under State, tribal, or local law and the nuisance dust causes substantial adverse public health. Requires the benefits of applying standards and other requirements to outweigh the costs.
H.R. 872 Reducing Regulatory Burdens Act of 2011 Link	Rep. Bob Gibbs (R-OH-18)	<p>Introduced Mar. 2, 2011</p> <p>Most Recent Action Passed the House on Mar. 31, 2011; Placed on the Senate Legislative Calendar on June 21, 2011.</p> <p>Committee Reports <i>Transportation & Infrastructure Committee</i> <i>Agriculture Committee</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amends FIFRA and the Clean Water Act so that the EPA may not require a permit for a discharge from a point source into navigable waters of a pesticide or residue of a pesticide which have been authorized for sale, distribution, or use under the FIFRA.
S. 358 Regulatory Responsibility for our Economy Act of 2011 Link	Sen. Pat Roberts (R-KS)	<p>Introduced Feb. 15, 2011</p> <p>Most Recent Action Hearings Held by the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs on Jul. 20, 2011</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires agencies to propose or adopt regulations only upon a reasoned determination that the benefits justify the costs. Requires regulations to be adopted through a process involving public participation. Requires agencies to consider how best to promote retrospective analysis of rules to determine if they are outmoded, ineffective, insufficient, or excessively burdensome.
S. 299 REINS Act of 2011	Sen. Rand Paul (R-KY)	<p>Introduced Feb. 7, 2011</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Before a rule may take effect, submit to each House of Congress and to the Comptroller General a report containing:

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(Regulations from the Executive in Need of Scrutiny) Link		Most Recent Action Hearings Held by the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs on Jul. 20, 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A copy of the rule • A general statement explaining the rule • Whether the rule is major or non-major • A list of other related actions • Submit to the Comptroller General and to each House of Congress a copy of the cost-benefit analysis, if any, including analysis of jobs added/lost. • Each House shall provide copies of the report to the Chairman and Ranking Member of each standing committee. • The Comptroller General shall provide a report on each major rule. • A major rule shall take effect upon enactment of a joint resolution of approval. • A non-major rule shall take effect after submission to Congress if Congress does not enact a joint resolution within 70 session days.
H.R. 10 REINS Act of 2011 (Regulations from the Executive in Need of Scrutiny) Link	Rep. Geoff Davis (R-KY-4)	Introduced Jan. 20, 2011 Most Recent Action Passed the House on Dec. 7, 2011; Received in the Senate on Dec. 8, 2011 Committee Reports Judiciary Committee Rules Committee Rules Committee Bill Consideration Report	